## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

FL RECEIVABLE TRUST 2002-A.

Plaintiff,

v.

BAGGA ENTERPRISES, INC.; JAMUNA REAL ESTATE, LLC; UNITED MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.; and WELCOME GROUP, INC.,

Defendants

Assigned Judge: The Honorable Lowell A. Reed, Jr., S.J.

Civil Action Nos. 02-CV-2710

02-CV-2711 02-CV-2080 02-CV-2086

## **AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT HERMANN**

**ROBERT HERMANN,** pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, declares the following to be true under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am counsel to the firm of Thacher, Proffitt & Wood, 50 Main Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, White Plains, NY, 10606, and a member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York. Unless otherwise indicated, I make this affidavit on personal knowledge based upon my own involvement in this case, my review of the file in this matter and conversations with knowledgeable parties.
- 2. By order of this Court, in accordance with Local Civil Rule 83.5.2(b), I have been admitted to the bar of this Court *pro hac vice*, in order to represent the plaintiff in this action.
- 3. The four judgment debtor defendants defaulted on millions of dollars of loans that the Trust's predecessor in interest, Captec Financial Services, made to them in connection with a

group of Arby's fast-food restaurants owned and operated by Pratpal (a/k/a "Paul") Bagga in Pennsylvania and Texas. The Trust seeks to execute on default judgments obtained against each of the defendants with respect to those loans.

- 4. Movant Khushvinder Bagga ("Bagga") is the wife of Paul Bagga. Together, they own and control dozens of companies, principally in Pennsylvania, in fast food, clothing and other businesses. They are related to, and involved in business ventures with, Paul Bagga's cousin Ravinder Chawla ("Chawla"), a prominent real estate developer in Philadelphia who is also in the clothing business with the Baggas. Chawla is being sued in this Court for selling counterfeit goods in an action entitled Nike v. Brandmania, 00 Civ. 05148.
- 5. On or about May 20, 2003, this Court granted, over Bagga's opposition, a motion by the Trust for an order compelling Bagga to appear for a deposition. Although the Court ordered the deposition to occur by June 4, 2003, upon information and belief Bagga left the country to travel to India. Bagga was not made available for deposition until June 17, 2003.
- 6. The deposition of Bagga commenced on June 17, 2003. However, throughout the deposition, Bagga's counsel blocked all inquiry concerning Bagga's personal assets. After the parties submitted letter briefs on the propriety of that conduct, on or about July 17, 2003 this Court issued an order requiring that Bagga resume her deposition and answer "all questions propounded at the deposition of June 17, 2003 as to which she was instructed not to answer on the grounds of 'personal assets or matters' or other grounds of relevancy and answer reasonable follow-up questions." Annexed hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of this Order.

- 7. On August 7, 2003, I resumed taking Bagga's deposition on behalf of the Trust. Although Bagga's counsel criticized the questioning at the resumed deposition, counsel made no effort to terminate the examination or to preclude any of the questioning.
- 8. Annexed hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the June 17, 2003 deposition of Khushvinder Bagga ("June Deposition").
- 9. Annexed hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the draft August 7, 2003 deposition of Khushvinder Bagga ("August Deposition").
- 10. At the August Deposition, Bagga was shown two exhibits that are annexed hereto: (i) an account of transactions in 2000 by American Merchandise Co., Inc., of which Bagga was an officer, reflecting checks and wires from American Merchandise to the Chawla-owned "Ten Tigers" trading company in the amount of \$8 million (rounded) with deposits of \$1.3 million (rounded), annexed hereto as Exhibit 4; and (b), Bagga's personal bank account summary dated August 6, 2003, reflecting activity in the second quarter of 2003 only, annexed hereto as Exhibit 5.
- 11. On August 12, 2003, the Trust served Bagga with a subpoena duces tecum. Annexed hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of the subpoena duces tecum served on Bagga that is the subject of Bagga's motion to quash.

Sworn to before me this

4<sup>th</sup> dayof September, 2003

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   JAMUNA REAL ESTATE, LLC;
                              NO. 02 - 2080
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   UNITED MANAGEMENT
                              NO. 02 - 2086
   SERVICES, INC.; and
  WELCOME GROUP, INC.
      Defendants
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  Rebman, Maxwell & Hipple, 1617 John F.
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  Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103,
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  Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter,
  Approved Reporter of the U.S. District
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                  HERMANN: Whatever the
               MR.
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  customary stipulations are is fine with
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  me.
               MS. BASKIN: Reading and
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5
  signing.
6
               KHUSHVINDER KAUR BAGGA, 611
7
  Creek Lane, Flourtown, PA 19031 having
8
  been duly sworn, was examined and
9
  testified as follows:
10
                 EXAMINATION
11
  BY MR. HERMANN:
12
           Mrs. Baqga, my name is
13
         Q .
  Robert Hermann from the law firm of
14
  Thacher, Proffitt & Wood and I represent
15
  FL Receivable Trust in this matter in
16
  which you are going to be giving
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18
   testimony.
               I'm going to ask you a
19
  series of questions. If at any time you
20
  don't understand the question or the
21
  question seems ambiguous to you, let me
22
  know and I will try to make it clearer.
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If you do answer the

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1
   question, I'm going to assume and I may
 2
   ask the Court to assume that you did
   understand the question. If at any time
 3
   you want to take a break after the
 5
   question has been answered and you want
 6
   to consult with your counsel, let me
   know that and we will be happy to do
   that.
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 9
               Are you represented by
   counsel here today?
10
               MS. BASKIN: Yes, she is.
11
   For the record, Leslie Beth Baskin. I
12
13
   want to make a little statement for the
   record. As you are aware, we had filed
14
15
   a motion for protective order in
16
   response to the subpoena for the
   deposition, which was denied, obviously,
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18
   that's why we're here. I just want to
19
   put on the record that we had a cert,
20
   and I have a continuing objection
21
   vis-a-vis the spousal privilege. And if
22
   in fact a question comes up, I will
   raise, as appropriate, the spousal
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24
  privilege objection, but I just want
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note for the record that I do have a
1
  continuing objection.
2
  BY MR. HERMANN:
3
            When did you retain
4
  Ms. Baskin?
5
           I don't remember the exact
         Α.
6
  time. A few months ago.
7
         Q. Had you been represented by
8
  any counsel before Ms. Baskin in
9
  connection with business matters?
10
               MS. BASKIN: Ms. Bagga
11
12
  personally?
               MR. HERMANN: Yes.
13
               THE WITNESS: For what?
14
  BY MR. HERMANN:
15
               In connection with business
16
  matters. I'm not asking about marital
17
  or domestic or estates or trusts or
18
  things. In connection with business
19
  matters had you ever been represented by
20
  counsel previously?
21
               I don't remember.
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your lawyer in connection with business

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24

Q.

Has Victor Lipski ever been

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1
   matters?
 2
          Α.
              You mean for me or
   business?
 4
          Q. Yes. Well, for you either
   personally or in connection with
 5
   businesses that you were doing.
 6
 7
          Α.
              I know he is the attorney
   for the businesses, yes.
 8
 9
          Q. How about for you
10
   personally?
11
                I don't remember any
          Α.
12
   personal work.
13
          Q.
                What is your home address?
14
          Α.
                611 Creek Lane, Flourtown,
15
   PA.
16
         Q.
               Do you live there with your
17
   husband?
18
         Α.
                Yes.
19
         Q.
                And his name is Paul Bagga?
20
         Α.
                Yes.
21
         Q.
               Do you own the home?
22
         Α.
               Yes.
23
               Do you personally have an
         Q.
24
  ownership interest in the home?
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What do you mean personal
1
2
  interest?
        Q. Do you own any interest,
3
  5%, 75%, any interest, in the home?
4
             I don't know the percent.
5
        Α.
  How do you -- I don't understand the
6
  percent. What do you mean?
7
           Has anyone ever asked you
8
        Q .
  whether you own your home?
        A. Yes. I know I own my home,
10
11
  yes.
        Q. Is it owned entirely by
12
  your husband?
13
              MS. BASKIN: Objection. She
14
  just said she owns her home.
15
16
  BY MR. HERMANN:
        Q. Do I take it from your
17
  counsel's answer that you own the home
18
  entirely yourself?
19
           I don't know if it's me or
20
        Α.
  with my husband. I know I own the
21
22
  home. I don't --
         Q. You don't know what
23
  percentage, if any, of the home you own
24
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1
   yourself?
 2
         Α.
               No. How do I --
 3
                MS. BASKIN: You only have
 4
   to answer the question.
 5
                It is unusual for a husband
   and wife to own percentages in the home,
 7
   and I think that's what's leading to her
   confusion.
 8
 9
               Only if there is a question
10
   before you do you have to answer it.
11
   BY MR. HERMANN:
12
            When did you acquire this
         Q.
13
   house?
14
         Α.
              A few years.
15
         Q.
              Can you be more specific
16
   than a few years?
17
              Three years, two and a
         Α.
18
   half. I don't know. Maybe close.
19
   Around three years, I think. I don't
20
   know the exact time when we moved in.
21
         Q.
               Did you acquire the house
22
   for cash
           or did you take a mortgage?
23
         Α.
               We have a mortgage.
24
               Did you have a mortgage
         Q.
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initially when you bought the house?
1
               Yes. You have to have a
         Α.
2
  mortqage, yes.
3
               Did you sign any papers in
4
  connection with acquiring the mortgage?
5
               Yes, I signed papers.
6
            Do you remember what papers
7
         Q.
   you signed?
8
               No.
         Α.
9
            Do you remember reading any
10
         Q .
  papers that described what percentage,
11
   if any, or what type of ownership you
12
13
   had?
         Α.
               No.
14
               Before you bought this
15
         Q.
   home, did you sell another home?
16
         Α.
                No.
17
               Had you been living in a
         Q.
18
   rental property?
19
               No.
20
         Α.
             Where were you living
21
22
   before this?
                In a house on Schlosser
23
         Α.
24
   Road, Harleysville.
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You didn't own that house?
 1
         Q.
                Yes, we owned that house.
 2
         Α.
                Do you still own that
 3
         Q.
 4
   house?
 5
         Α.
               No.
                So when did you settle?
 6
         Q.
                It was after we moved into
 7
   this house.
 8
               Apart from your house, do
 9
   you know whether you own any interests
10
   in any other real estate?
11
            I don't understand.
12
         Α.
13
   What --
               Do you have any ownership
14
   interest in any real estate?
15
               You mean a house?
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         Α.
               Apart from a house. Apart
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   from the house you just described.
               Uh-huh, yes. I have a real
19
         Α.
   estate company that -- yes, real estate.
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21
               When you say you have a
         Q.
  real estate company, what company is
22
23
   that?
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               MS. BASKIN: The question is
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1 do you, Mrs. Bagga, personally own any 2 real estate.
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MR. HERMANN: I will get 4 back to that, counsel.

MS. BASKIN: No. I'm clarifying the question, because she obviously didn't understand the question that were you asking her.

I'm also going to state an objection because she is not one of the four defendants here, so I think it is irrelevant as to what real estate property she personally owns. But I will let her answer.

MR. HERMANN: I'm going to object and will take steps to keep it from happening again if you make any speaking objections at these depositions. You can make an objection on the grounds of form and register that objection, but I won't have speaking objections or instruction with the witness.

MS. BASKIN: Okay. Go on.

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1 Go on.
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- 2 MR. HERMANN: Can you read
- 3 back the Q and A, please?
- 4 (The court reporter read the
- 5 record as follows:
- 6 "QUESTION: When you say you
- 7 | have a real estate company, what company
- 8 is that?")
- 9 THE WITNESS: K&P Real
- 10 | Estate.
- 11 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 12 Q. Now, does K&P Real Estate
- 13 own real estate?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. What real estate does it
- 16 own?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
- 18 | have a continuing objection to this line
- 19 as to relevance.
- MR. HERMANN: I will give
- 21 you a continuing objection on the
- 22 grounds of relevance to every question I
- 23 ask this afternoon if you will assure me
- 24 that you won't keep making that

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1
   objection.
 2
                MS. BASKIN: I am allowed to
 3
   make that objection.
 4
               MR. HERMANN: If it is a
 5
   continuing objection, you don't need to
   keep making it.
 7
                MS. BASKIN: On this topic
 8
   it is.
 9
               You can answer.
10
               THE WITNESS: Can you repeat
11
   the question?
12
                (The court reporter read the
13
   record as follows:
14
               "QUESTION: What real estate
15
   does it own?")
16
               THE WITNESS: I don't
17
   remember the addresses. There's one in
18
   Reading. There's one in Kutztown.
19
   don't remember the addresses, but
20
   that's...
21
   BY MR. HERMANN:
22
         Q. So as far as you can
23
  recall, the only two properties that K&P
24
  Real Estate owns is one in Reading,
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1 Pennsylvania, and one in Kutztown,
2 Pennsylvania?
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A. No. There are other

4 properties, but I don't remember the

5 names where.

Q. What kind of property is 7 the one in Reading?

A. Is Arby's Restaurant.

9 Q. What does K&P Real Estate
10 own? Does it own the land on which that
11 Arby's is situated?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Is the same true of

14 | Kutztown?

8

19

20

21

22

23

15 A. Yes.

Q. And is it your testimony
that K&P Real Estate owns other land on
which Arby's Restaurants are located?

A. Yes.

Q. Does K&P Real Estate own any other kind of real estate apart from real estate in connection with Arby's Restaurants?

24 A. No.

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Now, what is your ownership
         Q.
1
            in K&P Real Estate?
2
  interest
               I own the real estate.
3
         Α.
               You are 100% owner of the
         Q.
4
            is that correct?
5
  company;
               Yes, I think so, yes.
         Α.
6
               You are not sure?
7
         Q.
               No, I'm the only owner.
         Α.
8
               Is that a corporation or a
9
         Q.
  partnership of any sort?
10
               I don't know if it's a
11
         Α.
  corporation or a partnership.
12
               Apart from the interest
13
   that you have in K&P Real Estate, do you
14
  own any other real estate that you
15
  haven't told me about so far either in
16
   whole or in part anywhere in the world?
               I have some real estate in
18
         Α.
19
   India.
               Tell me about the real
20
         Q .
   estate that you own in India.
21
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
22
   object and instruct her not to answer.
23
      is totally irrelevant to what this
24
```

```
litigation is about. She is not a named
 1
 2
   defendant. I'm going to instruct her
 3
   not to answer.
 4
               MR. HERMANN: Can we go off
 5
   the record for a second?
 6
                (Discussion off the record.)
 7
               (The witness and Ms. Baskin
 8
   left the deposition room.)
 9
                (The court reporter read the
10
   record as
             follows:
               "QUESTION: Tell me about
11
12
   the real estate that you own in India.")
13
               MS. BASKIN: I lodge an
14
   objection and I stand by the objection
15
   and I stand by instructing her not to
16
   answer. And I could restate that, once
17
   again, it is a deposition vis-a-vis a
18
   litigation for
19
               MR. HERMANN: You don't have
20
   to restate it.
21
               MS. BASKIN: I'm instructing
22
  her not to answer.
23
               MR. HERMANN: I will tell
24
  you that we will seek a ruling on this,
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and if she is directed to answer, then
1
  we will have to bring her back to answer
2
  those questions.
3
               MS. BASKIN: That's fine.
4
               MR. HERMANN: Can I just ask
5
  you to mark those parts of the
6
  transcript where the witness has been
7
  instructed not to answer?
  BY MR. HERMANN:
9
               Ms. Bagga, you recently
10
         Q.
  traveled to India, didn't you?
11
               Yes.
12
         Α.
              When did you leave to go to
         Q.
13
14
   India?
           Oh, about 15, 20 days ago.
15
         Α.
         Q. You are not sure what day
16
   you left?
17
               It was on a Saturday.
         Α.
18
   Today is what date?
19
               MS. BASKIN: The 17th.
20
               THE WITNESS: The 17th.
                                          So
21
   last -- I need to see a calendar.
22
   BY MR. HERMANN:
23
           When did you return from
24
         Q .
```

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23
  India?
1
              Last Saturday.
         Α.
2
               The 14th of June?
         Q.
3
               Today is --
         Α.
4
               MS. BASKIN: The 17th.
5
               THE WITNESS: No. Saturday
6
  before that.
7
  BY MR. HERMANN:
8
         Q. Do you want to take a look
9
  at this calendar and tell me what day
10
  you left and what day you returned?
11
               MS. BASKIN: I will just
12
   lodge an objection; relevance.
13
               You can answer.
14
               THE WITNESS: Today is the
15
   17th. I came back on the 7th, so I left
16
   about a week before that. I
                                 left on
17
   Friday before that, yes. It is not on
18
   here, the previous --
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
20
         Q. Would that be Friday, the
21
   30th of May?
22
         A. Yes, I think so. I think
23
   that's right, yes.
24
```

```
Did you go to India alone?
 1
          Q.
 2
          Α.
                Yes.
                While you were in India,
 3
          Q.
   did you acquire any property?
 4
 5
                No.
          Α.
                Did you make any
 6
          Q.
   investments in India while you were
 7
   there?
 8
 9
                No.
          Α.
                Did you open any bank
10
          Q.
   accounts?
11
12
          Α.
                No.
                Did you make any bank
13
          Q.
14
   deposits?
15
          Α.
                No.
                Did you acquire any
16
   securities?
17
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
18
   object and instruct her not to answer.
19
   Anything in terms of any questions that
20
   she did personally I'm going to instruct
21
22
   her not to answer.
23
     MR. HERMANN:
   BY
                   you have any ownership
24
         Q.
                Dο
```

```
interest in an office building in the
1
  Philadelphia area?
2
               Yes.
         Α.
3
               Where is it?
         Q.
4
               It's on Bethlehem Pike.
5
         Α.
               Bethlehem Pike?
         Q.
6
7
         Α.
               Yes.
                Is that where the offices
         Q.
8
     some of the Bagga family businesses
9
10
   are?
               Yes.
11
         Α.
               And what is the nature of
12
         Q.
  your ownership interest in that
13
  property? Let me try to make it
14
15
   clearer.
                Do you know how that
16
  property is owned; that is to say
17
   whether it is just owned jointly by you
18
   and your husband or a company owns it
19
   and you own some shares in it or
                                       it is
20
   partnership? Do you have any idea?
21
22
                No, I don't.
         Α.
                How did you come to have
23
         Q.
   interest in that property?
24
```

```
1
          Α.
                We needed an office.
 2
                THE
                    COURT REPORTER:
 3
   sorry?
 4
                MR. HERMANN: She said we
 5
   needed an office.
 6
                THE
                   WITNESS: Yes.
 7
      MR. HERMANN:
   BY
 8
                And when was that?
         Q.
 9
         Α.
                I don't remember the time.
10
                Did you and your husband
11
   buy the building together?
12
                I don't know.
         Α.
13
                Did you ever sign any
14
   papers in connection with the purchase
   of the office, such as mortgage papers?
15
16
         Α.
               Yes.
17
               What kinds of papers did
         Q .
18
   you sign?
19
                I don't know.
                                What the
20
   banks gave or some loan documents.
21
               Did you ever notice on any
         Q .
22
   of those papers whether it described any
23
   ownership interest that you had in the
24
  property?
```

```
1
          Α.
                No.
 2
          Q.
                As you sit here today, do
 3
   you know
             the percentage of any of the
 4
   property
            that you own?
 5
          Α.
                I don't understand.
 6
          Q.
                Do you own half the
 7
   property?
 8
          Α.
                I don't know.
 9
          Q.
                In connection with the
10
   purchase of that office building did you
11
   have to put down cash as well as the
12
   mortgage?
13
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
14
   object and instruct her not to answer.
15
                MR. HERMANN: What's the
16
   basis for the instruction?
17
               MS. BASKIN: Anything that
18
   Ms. Bagga did personally is irrelevant
19
   to what this deposition's purpose is or
20
   what your litigation is; B, I'm going to
21
   object to every question from now on
22
   that is similar to that.
23
               MR. HERMANN: You are going
24
   to instruct her not to answer?
```

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2 8
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MS. BASKIN: Correct.
1
  BY MR. HERMANN:
2
            Do you know what the
3
  assessment is of the office property on
4
  Bethlehem Pike, what the tax assessment
5
  is?
6
               No.
         Α.
7
               Have you ever seen a check
         Q.
8
  written for the taxes for the property?
               I don't remember.
         Α.
10
               Are you in good health at
         Q.
11
   the moment?
12
               I have some health
13
  problems, but...
14
            Are you taking any
15
   medications?
16
               Yes.
         Α.
17
               Do any of those medications
         Q.
18
   affect your ` to remember things in
19
   response to questions that I'm asking
20
   you?
21
                I don't know.
         Α.
22
         Q. You think they may affect
23
   your memory?
24
```

```
1
                I don't know if they do or
          Α.
 2
   they don't.
 3
                Have you noticed any change
   in your memory since you have been
 4
 5
   taking those medications?
 6
                I don't know.
          Α.
 7
                Do you feel as if you are
 8
   able to testify today and understand the
   questions and answer them, in a medical
10
   sense?
11
         Α.
                Yes, I think so.
12
                Did you review any
         Q.
   documents today? Did you review any
13
14
   documents in preparation for your
   deposition today?
15
16
         Α.
               No.
17
            Did you speak to anybody
         Q.
18
   about having your deposition taken today
19
   other than your lawyer and your husband?
20
         Α.
               No.
21
               Have you ever testified in
         Q.
22
   any other cases either at a deposition
23
   or in court?
```

I don't remember.

24

Α.

```
Have you ever been in court
1
         Q.
   and stood up on the witness stand and
2
  been asked questions and given answers?
3
                I don't remember that, no.
4
               When you say you don't
 5
   remember that, do you mean that you
6
   don't think that ever happened or it
7
  happened but you don't remember it?
                I don't remember.
9
         Α.
               Are you an American
10
         Q.
   citizen?
11
12
         Α.
               Yes.
               When did you become a
13
         Q.
   citizen?
14
               A long time ago.
15
         Α.
               More than 20 years ago?
16
         Q.
                I guess it was -- it must
17
         Α.
     around 20 years. I don't know the
18
19
   exact time.
         Q. When did you come to the
20
   United States?
21
              About 25 years ago.
22
         Α.
              Did you receive your
23
24
   education here?
```

```
Some of it, yes.
1
                What education did you
2
         Q.
  receive here?
3
                I went to school here.
         Α.
4
                Did you go to college?
5
         Q.
                Yes.
         Α.
6
                Where did you go to college?
7
         Q.
                In Allentown.
         Α.
Я
                University of Pennsylvania?
         Q.
9
                No. It was a college,
         Α.
10
   Cedar Crest College.
11
                Did you graduate?
12
         Q.
                Yes.
         Α.
13
                What year?
14
         Q.
                1982.
         Α.
15
                What did you do after
16
          Q.
   college, immediately after college?
17
                Had a baby.
18
          Α.
                When did you and Mr. Bagga
19
          Q.
   first meet?
20
                About 25 years ago.
21
          Α.
                Approximately 1978?
          Q.
22
                '77, '78, yes.
          Α.
23
                     he working for Air
24
          Q.
                Was
```

```
Products at the time?
 1
 2
                MS. BASKIN: I'm sorry.
   didn't hear that.
 3
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 4
 5
                Was he working for Air
          Q.
   Products at the time?
 6
 7
          Α.
                No.
 8
                Do you know where he was
          Q.
   working at the time?
 9
10
          Α.
                No.
11
               Did you ever have a job
          Q.
   outside of the family businesses since
12
   graduating from college?
13
14
          Α.
               Yes
15
          Q .
             What was that job and when
16
   did you have it?
17
                I worked at Dun &
18
   Bradstreet in Allentown.
19
                What did you do there?
         Q .
20
         Α.
                I just did some data entry
21
   for them.
22
         Q .
               What was the period of your
23
   employment?
24
         Α.
                I don't remember.
                                     It was
```

```
long time ago.
1
               Was this during the 1980s?
         Q.
2
         Α.
               Yes.
3
               Did you have any other
4
         Q.
  employment apart from the family
5
            and apart from D&B?
  business
6
                I worked in a bank.
7
         Α.
                Where was the bank?
8
         Q.
                In Allentown.
         Α.
9
                What was the name of the
10
         Q.
  bank?
11
                I don't remember. I don't
12
         Α.
   know if it is there anymore or not.
                                            The
13
   banks changed. I think it was First
14
   Valley Bank. I'm not sure. I don't
15
16
   remember.
                What did you do for them?
         Q.
17
                I was a teller.
18
                Do you remember how long
19
         Q.
   you worked there?
20
                A few months.
21
         Α.
                Is that also in the 1980s?
22
         Q.
                Yes.
23
         Α.
                Any other employment
24
         Q.
```

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history you can think of apart from
                                          your
 1
 2
   family businesses?
                I don't remember any.
 3
         Α.
                What was your degree in
 4
         Q.
 5
   college?
             What was your major?
                Business management.
 6
         Α.
                After you graduated from
 7
         0.
             did you have any professional
 8
   college,
             in any business area?
   training
10
                I don't understand.
                Did you take any courses
                                            in
11
         Ο.
   any professional areas after you
12
   graduated from college or receive any
13
   training in any professional areas after
14
   you graduated from college?
15
16
                Like what?
         Α.
17
                Accounting, bookkeeping.
         Q.
18
                That I did in college.
         Α.
                You did that in college but
19
         Q.
             college; is that correct?
20
       after
                For accounting?
21
         Α.
22
                For anything.
         Q.
                MS. BASKIN: After college
23
24
      said.
  hе
```

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WITNESS: After
                                     Ι
               THE
1
2
      Cedar Crest?
     MR. HERMANN:
3
         Q.
               Yes.
4
5
         Α.
               No.
               MS. BASKIN: I would like to
6
  take a break for one second if you don't
7
8
  mind.
               (Recess from 10:17 a.m. to
9
   to 10:18 a.m.)
10
                    BASKIN: Just going back
               MS.
11
  on the record, I apologize, Ms. Bagga
12
  wants to clarify. I think she thought
13
  when you were asking about the
14
  employment when you had said the 1980s,
15
   that you were only focusing at that
16
  point about the '80s.
17
               MR. HERMANN: There are also
18
   other employments.
19
                                think your
               MS. BASKIN:
                              I
20
   question was broader and I think she was
21
  being slightly hypertechnical.
22
               MR. HERMANN: Okay.
                                       I
23
24
   appreciate that.
```

```
BY MR. HERMANN:
 1
         Q. Were there other places you
 2
   worked apart from the ones you told me
 3
   about already? Again, apart from your
 4
   family businesses.
 5
               I had a clothing business.
 6
         Α.
               Do you still have that
 7
   business?
 8
 9
         Α.
               No.
               What was the name of it?
10
         Q.
               There were clothing stores,
11
         Α.
   retail stores, called Sunshine Blues.
12
               Sunshine Blues?
13
         Q.
14
         Α.
               Uh-huh.
              Aren't there three of those
15
         Q.
   still open in Philadelphia?
16
               There are more than three
17
         Α.
  of them; but they are not mine.
18
            So you sold your interest
19
         Q.
20
   in that when?
               Sometime in the early '90s.
21
               Were you the sole owner of
22
23
   that business?
24
         Α.
               Yes.
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```
To whom did you sell it?
1
         Q .
               We closed the stores. The
2
         Α.
  leases came up, just closed the stores.
3
               Do I take it from your
4
  answer that you didn't sell the
5
  business; you simply closed the
6
  business?
7
               We closed the stores, yes.
8
         Α.
               Who is operating Sunshine
9
         Q.
  Blues today?
10
            They were franchises, so I
11
         Α.
  don't know who owns them now.
12
               You were a franchisee?
13
         Q .
               Yes.
         Α.
14
               Is Sunshine Blues the
15
         Q.
   retail name of some franchisor?
16
17
         Α.
               Yes.
               Who was the franchisor?
18
         Q.
               They don't have the
19
         Α.
   franchises anymore. The original
20
   company, I think they owned them. I
21
   don't know if they still have the
22
   franchises out or just the company owns
23
24
   them.
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```
1
          Q.
                Do you know who the owners
   are of the company that franchised these
 2
 3
   stores?
 4
          Α.
                Yes.
 5
                Who are they?
          Q.
 6
          Α.
                It's -- you need the
 7
   company?
 8
          Q.
                No. The names of the
   individuals who are the owners of that
 9
10
   company, if you know.
11
          Α.
                It's G. T. Chawla.
12
          Q.
                G. T. Chawla.
13
                And Ravinder Chawla, did he
14
   own any interest in them?
15
         Α.
               Yes.
16
                Anybody else, as far as you
         Q.
17
         who had an ownership interest?
   know,
18
                It was family owned. They
         Α.
19
   have other brothers, father. I don't
20
   know what the ownership is, who owns
21
   what.
22
            Now, for how long were you
23
   in that clothing business?
24
         Α.
               A few years, six, seven,
```

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39
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```
eight.
1
                Was there a company that
         Q.
2
               specifically to deal with
      set up
3
  that?
4
                Yes.
         Α.
5
                     was the name of that
                What
         Q.
6
7
   company?
                KB Apparel.
         Α.
8
                   Apparel?
                KΒ
         Q.
9
         Α.
                Yes.
10
                Were you the president?
11
         Q.
                Yes.
         Α.
12
                How many stores did KB
13
         Q.
   Apparel operate?
14
                     BASKIN: Once again,
                MS.
15
   going to object and instruct her not
16
                     been waiting to see if
             I have
   answer.
17
           leading somewhere that's
   this is
18
   relevant to this lawsuit and
                                   it's not,
19
                     instruct her not to
   so I'm going to
20
   answer.
21
   BY MR. HERMANN:
22
                     your husband work
                                             KΒ
                                         in
                Did
          Q.
23
   Apparel?
24
```

```
No.
 1
         Α.
               Did he have any ownership
 2
         Q.
 3
   interest at all in it?
               I don't know.
 4
         Α.
 5
            Who handled the books for
         Q.
 6
   KB Apparel?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 7
   object and instruct her not to answer.
 8
   I don't see any relevance, once again.
 9
10
   BY MR. HERMANN:
           What kind of clothing did
11
         Q.
12
   Sunshine Blues stores sell while you
13
   were operating them?
               MS. BASKIN: Objection and
14
15
   instruct her not to answer.
16
   BY MR. HERMANN:
17
         Q. Did it sell brand-name
18
   jeans?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
19
  object and instruct the witness not to
20
21
   answer.
22
  BY MR. HERMANN:
23
            Apart from the businesses
         Q .
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you have already told me about, have you

```
1
   been involved in any other employment?
   Again, I will ask you later on about
 2
   family businesses; this is apart from
 3
 4
   that.
 5
          Α.
                I don't remember.
 6
          Q.
                Do you belong to any
 7
   professional organizations?
 8
                I don't remember. I --
 9
   maybe some organization from Harvard,
10
   because I went -- I did a course there,
11
   so maybe it was some associations from
12
   there.
13
         Q.
            Do you belong to any
14
   organizations, such as the Chamber of
15
   Commerce, or community organizations of
16
   that sort?
17
         Α.
            I don't remember. I don't
18
   think so.
19
         Q .
                I have to ask you this, so
20
   don't be offended. Have you ever been
21
   arrested?
22
         Α.
               No.
23
         Q.
               When did you get married to
24
  Mr.
       Baqqa?
```

```
25 years ago.
         Α.
1
               Have you said to anybody,
2
  apart from your lawyer and apart from
3
  your husband, in the past year that you
4
  were thinking about separating from
5
  Mr Baqqa?
6
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
7
  object and instruct her not to answer.
8
  BY MR. HERMANN:
9
                Do you have any children?
10
         Q.
                Yes.
         Α.
11
                How many?
12
         Q.
         Α.
                Two.
13
                What are their ages?
         Q.
14
                21 and 16.
         Α.
15
                Does either of your
16
         Q.
   children work in the family businesses?
17
18
         Α.
                No.
               Do you have a sizeable
19
         Q.
   family apart from your immediate family
20
   in the Philadelphia area?
21
         Α.
               Yes .
22
                You have family in India,
23
         Q.
24
   too?
```

```
1
         Α.
              Yes.
                Are your parents in India?
 2
         Q.
 3
         Α.
                No.
                Are they in the United
 4
         Q.
 5
   States in this area?
 6
         Α.
                Yes.
                Are your parents retired?
 7
         Q.
 8
         Α.
                Yes.
 9
                What family do you have in
         Q.
10
   India?
         A. I have a brother, his wife,
11
12
   his children.
13
         Q. What business is your
14
   brother in?
15
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
   object and, once again, instruct her not
16
   to answer, unless you want to give me a
17
   reason as to relevance and maybe we
18
19
   could cut through this.
20
   BY MR. HERMANN:
21
           Was your father in the
         Q.
22
   banking business in India?
23
         Α.
               Yes.
24
               Was he in the banking
         Q.
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1 business in the United States?
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A. No.

2

- Q. Does your father maintain contacts with people in the banking business in India?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to object and instruct the witness not to answer.

## 9 BY MR. HERMANN:

- Q. Apart from your brother and your sister-in-law in India, do you have contact with any other family there?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Who is that?
- A. My mother-in-law.
- 16 Q. Anyone else?
- 17 A. I have a brother-in-law,
- 18 his wife, his children. I have another
- 19 brother-in-law, his wife. I have a
- 20 cousin there.
- Q. Did you stay with family
- 22 when you went there recently?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Who did you stay with?

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My brother.
         Α.
1
               Do you customarily stay
         Q.
2
            if you visit people in India?
       him
3
  with
               It depends where I'm going.
         Α.
4
               Where does he live?
         Q.
5
               New Delhi.
         Α.
6
               How often have you been to
         Q .
7
  India let's say in the last ten years?
8
  On how many occasions have you made
9
  trips to India in the last ten years?
10
               Several times.
         Α.
11
               Several times a year?
         Q.
12
               Yes. Some years, yes,
         Α.
13
   several times.
14
            Are all of these visits
         Q.
15
   purely social, with family?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
17
   object and instruct her not to answer
18
   again. I don't know where this is
19
   qoing.
20
   BY MR. HERMANN:
21
                Do you ever do any business
         Q .
22
   in India?
23
                              I'm going to
                MS. BASKIN:
24
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object and instruct her not to answer.
 1
 2
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 3
                When you recently traveled
          Q.
   to India at the time you left the
 4
 5
   country, were you aware that a federal
 6
   judge had ordered that you testify by
   June 4?
 7
 8
          Α.
                I was told that, yes.
 9
                Were you of the opinion
10
   that were you not required to testify by
11
   June 4 when you left?
12
                I was going to India, so I
13
   told them I won't be here.
14
         Q.
                You told the judge you
15
   wouldn't be here; is that what you're
16
   saying?
17
         Α.
               No. I told somebody from
18
   Beth's office.
19
         Q.
               They said it was okay?
20
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
21
   object and instruct her not to answer.
   This is all of record. It was
22
23
  pleadings. I'm going to instruct her
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not to answer.

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BY MR. HERMANN:
 1
         Q. Do you have an Indian
 2
  driver's license?
 3
         A. I don't know if it's still
 4
  there. I used to have one, you know.
 5
         Q. You don't have one in your
 6
  wallet; is that correct?
 7
            What license? Indian?
 8
         Α.
              Yes.
         Q.
 9
10
         Α.
           No.
           Did you rent a car while
11
         Q.
  were you in India?
12
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
13
  object and instruct her not to answer.
  BY MR. HERMANN:
15
           Do you have a lawyer in
16
         Q.
17
   India?
              For what?
18
         Α.
             For anything.
19
         Q .
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
20
  object and instruct her not to answer.
21
22
  BY MR. HERMANN:
         Q. While you were in India,
23
  did you visit any banks?
24
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MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
1
  object and instruct her not to answer.
2
  BY MR. HERMANN:
3
           While were you in India,
        Q.
4
  did you visit any investment firms?
5
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
6
  object and instruct her not to answer.
7
  BY MR. HERMANN:
8
        Q. Do you have any bank or
9
  securities accounts in India?
10
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
11
  object and instruct her not to answer.
12
  BY MR. HERMANN:
13
         Q. Do you own any assets in
14
15
  India?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
16
  object and instruct her not to answer.
17
  BY MR. HERMANN:
18
         Q. While you were in India
19
  during the past five years, have you
20
   invested any money with any institution
21
   or any business or in person?
22
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
23
   object and instruct her not to answer.
24
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BY MR. HERMANN:
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- Q. While you were in India in the last five years, did you make any big-ticket purchases of items, such as jewelry or art?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to object and instruct the witness not to answer.
- 9 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. Do you own shares in any
  Indian company either directly or
  indirectly?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to 14 object and instruct the witness not to 15 answer.
- 16 BY MR. HERMANN:
  - husband either liquidated or transferred any family business interests in India in the past ten years in order to satisfy debts to American creditors?

    MS. BASKIN: I'm going to object and instruct the witness not to

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BY MR. HERMANN:
1
            Have you in the past year
2
  discussed with anyone plans to relocate
3
  to India?
4
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
5
  object and instruct her not to answer.
6
  BY MR. HERMANN:
7
           What other countries have
8
  you visited in the past five years?
9
               India, Hong Kong, Thailand,
10
  Burma, Indonesia, Italy, France, Venice,
11
  England, Malaysia, Taiwan, Nepal.
12
  That's all I remember.
13
              Did you go with your
14
  husband on all these trips?
15
               Not all of them.
16
         Α.
               Were all of these trips for
17
         Q.
  pleasure as opposed to business?
18
               No.
19
         Α.
               Which ones were business
20
         Q.
21
  trips?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
22
  object and instruct the witness not to
23
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BY MR. HERMANN:
 1
               Did you in fact conduct
2
  business on some of these trips?
 3
               MS. BASKIN: You can
 4
 5
   answer.
               THE WITNESS: Yes.
 6
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 7
               Which ones?
         Q.
 8
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 9
   object and instruct the witness not to
10
11
   answer.
   BY MR. HERMANN:
12
         Q. Did you acquire property in
13
   any of these countries?
14
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
15
   object and instruct the witness not to
16
17
   answer.
   BY MR. HERMANN:
18
               Did you open or make
19
         Q.
   deposits to any banks or securities
20
  accounts in any of these countries?
21
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
22
  object and instruct the witness not to
23
24
   answer.
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BY MR. HERMANN:
 1
                Did you purchase any large-
 2
          Q .
   ticket items in any of these countries?
 3
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 4
   object and instruct the witness not to
 5
 6
   answer.
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
         Q. Are you employed at the
 8
   present time?
 9
10
         Α.
                Yes.
                Who is your employer?
11
         Q.
                Bagga Enterprises.
12
         Α.
                Any other employer?
13
         Q.
                I don't know.
14
         Α.
                Do you get a paycheck from
15
         Q.
16
         Enterprises?
   Baqqa
17
         Α.
                Yes.
                How often?
18
         Q .
                Every two weeks.
19
         Α.
                What is your annual salary?
20
         Q.
                $52,000.
21
         Α.
                What do you do for Bagga
22
         Q.
   Enterprises?
23
                I oversee their billings
24
         Α.
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and payables.
1
                Anything else?
2
         Q.
                No.
3
         Α.
                For how long have you been
4
         Q.
         that for Bagga Enterprises?
5
   doing
                For Bagga Enterprises?
6
7
         a month.
   About
                Did you have employment
8
  before that, before the one month ago?
9
                Yes.
10
         Α.
                What was that?
11
         Q.
                United Management.
12
         Α.
                What did you do for them?
13
         Q.
                Oversee the billings and
14
         Α.
15
   payables.
                How long did you do that
16
         Q.
   for United Management?
17
                A few years.
18
         Α.
                While were you doing that
19
         Q.
   for United Management Services for two
20
   years, were you employed by any other
21
                I said a few years.
22
         Α.
                 few years; I'm sorry.
23
         Q.
                Α
                   is a few years, in your
24
      many years
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recollection?
 1
 2
             Four, five, six. I don't
 3
   remember how long.
 4
             At the time you were
 5
   working for United Management Services
   were you employed by any other family
 6
 7
   business?
 8
         Α.
             I don't know. What do you
 9
   mean?
10
            Did you have another job
         Q.
11
   during the same time or was that your
12
   only job while you were working for
   United Management?
13
14
               That was my job, yes.
         Α.
15
               Before that time, before
16
   you worked for United Management
17
   Services, did you work for any other
18
   family-owned business?
19
         Α.
               No. I had my business at
20
   that time.
21
               The clothing business?
         Q.
22
               (Witness shakes head.)
         Α.
23
               Do you have any ownership
         Q.
24
   interest, either directly or indirectly,
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1 in Bagga Enterprises?
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- A. No, I don't think so.
- Q. Do you have any direct or indirect ownership interest in United Management Services?
  - A. No, I don't think so.
- Q. Are there any other familyowned businesses from which you received
  any compensation or any distributions of
  income in the past five years?
  - A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you file a joint tax
  13 return with your husband?
- A. I don't know if it's joint or separate.
  - Q. Have you ever signed a tax return in which you saw your husband's signature also to the Internal Revenue Service?
- A. I remember signing it, but
  I didn't look for other signatures, you
  know.
- Q. When you sign your tax
  24 return, do you actually read what is on

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1
   the tax return before you sign it?
 2
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 3
   object and instruct her not to answer.
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 4
 5
                Have you ever observed on
 6
   any tax return that it lists any income
 7
   from any family-owned business other
 8
   than Bagga Enterprises or United
 9
   Management Services?
10
         Α.
                Can you say that again?
11
                (The court reporter read the
12
   record as follows:
13
                "QUESTION: Have you ever
14
   observed on any tax return that it lists
15
   any income from any family-owned
16
   business other than Bagga Enterprises or
17
   United Management Services?")
18
               MS. BASKIN: This is at
                                          any
19
   time; right?
20
               THE WITNESS: I don't
21
   remember.
22
   BY MR. HERMANN:
23
         Q.
               Who prepares your tax
24
   returns?
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I don't know.
 1
         Α.
               Does Norm Cahan, C-A-H-A-N,
 2
   prepare your returns?
 3
               Maybe. I don't know.
 4
               Have you ever talked to him
 5
   about your tax returns?
 6
               Yes, I talked to him.
 7
         Α.
               Have you talked to him
 8
         Q.
   about your tax returns
 9
              About filing the tax
10
         Α.
11
   returns?
         Q. Filing them or what's on
12
   them or any other aspect of your tax
13
   return, your individual tax return.
14
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
15
   object and instruct her not to answer.
16
17
   BY MR. HERMANN:
               So is it your testimony
18
         Q .
   that you don't know who prepares your
19
20
   tax returns?
               I don't know. I just sign
21
         A .
   them. I don't know who prepare it.
22
         Q. Do you know whether you are
23
  a signatory or a guarantor on any
24
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borrowings apart from your house which
1
  you told me about before?
2
               The office building, yes.
3
               You got a $244,000 mortgage
4
         Q.
  on that office building; isn't that
5
  right?
6
              I don't remember the exact
7
  amount. I guess.
8
               Do you remember whether the
9
  amount of the mortgage is more than 80\%
10
  of the appraised value of the building?
11
               I don't understand this.
12
         Α.
               Did you arrange that
13
         Q.
  mortgage yourself?
14
               I talked to somebody in the
         Α.
15
16
  bank.
               What bank was that?
17
         Q.
               Sovereign Bank.
         Α.
18
               Am I correct that you paid
19
         Q.
            for that building?
   $280,000
20
                Yes, I think that's what it
21
         Α.
22
   is.
                Did anyone at the bank say
23
         Q.
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to you that it was unusual to get a

24

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1
   mortgage for 87% of the purchase price
 2
   of the building?
 3
               I don't remember that.
         Α.
 4
               Am I correct that the size
 5
   of your Washington Mutual mortgage is
 6
   1.6 million?
 7
               MS. BASKIN: Object. What
 8
   Washington Mutual mortgage?
 9
               MR. HERMANN: Mortgage on
10
   the home.
11
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
12
   object and instruct her not to answer.
13
   BY MR. HERMANN:
14
         Q.
               Did vou ever borrow money
15
   from Singh Brothers Trust?
16
               MS. BASKIN: Did she
17
  personally?
18
               MR. HERMANN: Yes.
19
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
20
   object and instruct her not to answer.
21
   BY MR. HERMANN:
22
              Did any business by which
23
  you were employed, family business, ever
24
  borrow money from Singh Brothers Trust?
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1
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 2
   object and instruct the witness not to
 3
   answer.
 4
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 5
               Did you borrow 700,000 from
 6
   the Singh Brothers Trust for the
   property in Flourtown?
 7
 8
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 9
   object and instruct her not to answer.
10
   BY MR. HERMANN:
11
         Q .
               Do you know who the Singh
12
   Brothers are?
13
         Α.
               No.
14
         Q .
             You don't know who they
   are; is that correct?
15
16
         Α.
               No.
17
               MS. BASKIN: You have to
18
   speak up.
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
20
               Do you own or have any
         Q .
21
   ownership interest in any real property
22
   other than what you already told me
   about, either in land or in buildings or
23
24
  houses other than the ones you have
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already told me about in answer to my
1
  previous questions?
2
               MS. BASKIN: I haven't
3
  objected, but I'm going to object and
4
  instruct the witness not to answer.
5
  BY MR. HERMANN:
         Q. Do you own any property
7
  jointly with anyone else apart from your
8
  marital home?
9
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
10
  object and instruct the witness not to
11
12
  answer.
  BY MR. HERMANN:
13
               Do you have any brokerage
         Q.
14
  accounts of your own?
15
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
16
  object and instruct the witness not to
17
   answer.
18
   BY MR. HERMANN:
19
               Do you have an account with
20
         Q.
   Fidelity Investments?
21
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
22
   object and instruct the witness not to
23
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BY MR. HERMANN:
 1
         Q. Do you have a checking or
 2
   savings account at Commerce Bank?
 3
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 4
   object and instruct the witness not to
 5
 6
   answer.
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
               In what banks have you
 8
         O .
   deposited money since the year 2002?
 9
               MS. BASKIN: Mrs. Bagga
10
11
   personally?
               MR. HERMANN: Mrs. Bagga.
12
               MS. BASKIN: Her personal
13
14
   funds?
               MR. HERMANN: No, I'm not
15
   asking about personal funds or
16
   impersonal funds. I'm asking about
17
  money. What banks has she deposited
18
  money in since 2002.
19
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
20
  object to the form of the question.
21
22
               Do you understand the
23
  question?
24
                  WITNESS: No.
               THE
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1 BY MR. HERMANN:
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- Q. What don't you understand

  about the question? I will be happy to

  clear it up, but I'm not sure what you

  don't understand about it.
- MS. BASKIN: Well, I don't even understand so I can't even properly advise her.
- 9 MR. HERMANN: But you're not 10 the witness.
- MR. HERMANN: It doesn't 15 matter whether you understand it or not.
- MS. BASKIN: Well, I'm going to instruct her not to answer until we get a better question. We can save time 19 if you rephrase the question.
- 20 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. You have made bank
  22 deposits, haven't you, in your life?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Sometimes you deposit a

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check that's endorsed by someone;
 1
 2
    sometimes you deposit cash?
 3
          Α.
                Yes.
 4
          Q.
                Sometimes you deposit your
 5
   own personal check in an account;
 6
   correct?
 7
          Α.
                Yes.
 8
                Have you made any deposits
 9
   in the past year in any bank accounts,
10
   whether in the form of endorsed checks
11
   or cash or any other negotiable
12
   instrument?
13
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
14
   object and instruct the witness not to
15
   answer, unless it is related to these
   four defendants; nothing personal.
16
17
     MR. HERMANN:
   BY
18
         Q.
                Have you written any checks
19
   in the last couple of years?
20
                I don't understand.
         Α.
21
         Q .
                You know what a check is;
22
   right?
23
         Α.
                Yes.
24
         Q.
                Have you written any in the
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last couple of years?
1
               Yes.
2
         Α.
               On what accounts?
3
         Q.
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
4
  object and instruct the witness not to
5
  answer if it has to do with her personal
6
  finances.
7
  BY MR. HERMANN:
8
            Apart from your home and
9
  apart from anything else you have told
10
  me up to this point, do you own in whole
11
      in part any assets with Paul Bagga?
12
               I don't know.
13
               Have you applied for any
14
         Q.
   loans in the past year?
15
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
16
   object and instruct the witness not to
17
18
   answer.
   BY MR. HERMANN:
19
            Have you guaranteed any
20
         Q.
   loans in the past year?
21
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
22
   object and instruct the witness not to
23
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1 BY MR. HERMANN:
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- Q. Have you set up any trusts
- 3 for your family in the past year?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
- 5 object and instruct the witness not to
- 6 answer.
- 7 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. Have you ever submitted a net worth statement in connection with a
- 10 | loan?
- A. I don't remember.
- 12 Q. Have you spoken to any bank
- 13 officers or any representatives of any
- 14 financial institution in connection with
- 15 a loan apart from what you mentioned
- 16 before about your house?
- A. I don't remember.
- Q. Have you transferred any
- 19 real property to any person in the past
- 20 six years?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
- 22 object and instruct the witness not to
- 23 answer.
- 24 BY MR. HERMANN:

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Have you transferred any
1
  interest in any personal property to any
2
  person in the past six years apart from
3
  the clothing business which you
4
  mentioned before?
5
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
6
  object and instruct the witness not to
7
  answer.
8
  BY MR. HERMANN:
9
               Who works in the office of
         Q.
10
  Bagga Enterprises apart from yourself?
11
                A few other people.
         Α.
12
                Who are they?
         Q .
13
                I don't know who is
         Α...
14
   employed by which company, so I don't
15
            is employed by Bagga.
   know who
16
                Who actually works inside
         Q.
17
   the building?
18
                It's Gene and Bob.
         Α.
19
                Gene Pittack?
20
         Q.
                Yes.
         Α.
21
               What does he do? Is he the
         Q.
22
            manager?
   regional
23
                Yes, I think so.
                                    Hе
          Α.
24
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68
             lot, so....
  travels a
1
               And Bob, is that Bob Popp?
         Q.
2
               Yes.
         Α.
3
               P - O - P - P?
         Q.
4
               (Witness shakes head.)
         Α.
5
               He is the bookkeeper; right?
         Q.
6
               He does some work, yes.
         Α.
7
               He does some bookkeeping;
         Q.
8
  is that right?
9
               I don't know what all he
10
  does. He does different things.
11
                Isn't he the bookkeeper for
12
   all the Bagga companies?
13
                I don't know.
         Α.
14
             How many years has he
15
         Q.
  worked for the Bagga family business?
16
                MS. BASKIN: I don't think
17
   she has testified that he worked for the
18
   Bagga family business.
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
20
            Does he work for the Bagga
         Q .
21
   family business?
22
            What do you mean "family
         Α.
23
   business"?
24
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Q. Is he in fact a bookkeeper
 1
   for the Bagga family businesses in
 2
   connection with Arby's franchises?
 3
            He works for business
 4
   related to Arby's franchises, yes.
 5
           And, in fact, he has been
 6
   doing that for quite a few years, hasn't
 7
   he?
 8
 9
         Α.
              Yes.
10
            Did you ever work with him
11
   personally?
12
               He is in the office.
13
             How far away from where you
         Q.
14
   sit is his desk?
           I don't know. We keeping
15
  moving the desks around, so there is no
16
17
   fixed spot.
           How many times a day do you
18
         Q .
19
  see him?
20
         Α.
            I don't go there every day,
21
  so I don't know.
           If you are there for eight
22
         Q .
  hours, how long do you see Bob Popp
23
24
  during the day?
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I'm not there for eight
 1
         Α.
  hours.
 2
           When you are in the office,
 3
         Q.
   do you on occasion talk to Bob Popp?
 4
 5
               Yes.
         Α.
              What do you talk to him
 6
   about? business matters?
 7
            Yes, I quess.
8
         Α.
             Can you remember any
 9
   subjects you have discussed with Bob
10
   Popp this year concerning Bagga family
11
12
  businesses?
               There's no subject. He is
13
   in the office. I'm there sometime. If
14
   I need anything, I ask him.
15
         Q. Did anyone ever say to you
16
  or in your presence that Bob Popp is the
17
  person who really knows what is going on
18
   in the details of the Bagga family
19
20
  businesses?
            What did you say? Can you
21
22
  repeat that?
               (The court reporter read the
23
24
  record as follows:
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1
                "QUESTION: Did anyone ever
 2
   say to you or in your presence that Bob
 3
   Popp is the person who really knows what
   is going on in the details of the Bagga
 4
 5
   family businesses?")
 6
                THE WITNESS: What does that
 7
   mean?
 8
                MS. BASKIN: Has anyone ever
   said that to you?
 9
10
                THE WITNESS: Like who?
11
   BY MR. HERMANN:
12
         Q .
                Anyone.
13
         Α.
                I don't remember.
14
                MS. BASKIN: I think the
   question is, do you remember anyone ever
15
16
   making that type of comment to you?
17
                THE WITNESS: No, I don't
18
   remember.
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
20
         Q .
               Did you ever have any
21
   disputes with him about financial
22
   matters in connection with the business?
23
         Α.
               No.
24
         Q.
               Did you ever have any
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conversations with him about altered
1
  invoices?
2
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
3
  object and ask in relationship to what?
4
  to Bagga Enterprises?
5
               MR. HERMANN: Yes.
6
               THE WITNESS: No, I don't
7
  remember anything like that.
8
  BY MR. HERMANN:
9
           Did you ever have any
10
  conversations with him about altered
11
  checks?
12
              No, I didn't.
         Α.
13
               Did you ever discuss the
14
         Q.
   subject of bankruptcy with Mr. Popp?
15
               No, I didn't.
16
         Α.
            Does Mr. Popp report to
         Q.
17
   you?
18
              No. I'm not there all the
         Α.
19
20
   time,
         so . . .
            Could you fire him?
         Q.
21
         Α.
               Huh?
22
               Could you fire him? Do you
         Q.
23
   have the power to fire him?
24
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73
               No.
         Α.
1
               Who has the power to fire
2
         Q.
3
  him?
               I don't know who can fire
         A .
4
         I cannot.
5
  him.
            Could your husband fire
6
         Q .
7
  him?
               I don't know.
8
         Α.
               Has Mr. Popp ever said
9
         Q.
   anything in your presence about quitting
10
   the family businesses?
11
               No.
12
         Α.
               Do you know how much he is
13
         Q.
  paid?
14
         Α.
               No.
15
               Does he work full time for
16
         Q.
   Bagga Enterprises?
17
                I don't know. I think so.
18
   I'm not there all the time, so I don't
19
20
   know.
            When you are not there,
21
         Q.
  where are you?
22
                Different places.
23
         Α.
                Are there any other
24
         Q.
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businesses you go to?
 1
                Yes.
 2
         Α.
                What's that?
 3
         Q.
                I work on various
         Α.
 4
   transactions for clothing distribution.
 5
                (Mr. Haber entered the
 6
 7
   deposition room.)
                MS. BASKIN: May I ask who
 8
   walked in?
 9
                MR. HABER: My name is Steve
10
11
   Haber.
                MS. BASKIN: Hello.
12
                I'm sorry.
13
14
   BY MR. HERMANN:
                I was just asking you to
15
         Q .
   explain a little more what you mean
16
   about working on transactions involving
17
   the clothing business. Clothing
18
19
   distribution did you say?
                I work on transactions for
20
         Α.
   supplying goods to different stores.
21
                Stores in the U.S.?
22
         Q.
23
         Α.
               Yes.
                And for whom do you work?
24
         Q.
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1
         A. Nobody. I work for myself,
 2
   some friends and family.
 3
               To what stores do you
         Q .
 4
   supply these goods?
 5
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 6
   object and instruct her not to answer.
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 8
            Are these stores in the
 9
   Philadelphia area?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
10
11
   object and instruct her not to answer.
12
   BY MR. HERMANN:
13
            From whom do you get the
         0.
14
   goods to distribute to these stores?
15
               MS. BASKIN: Once again, I'm
16
   going to object and instruct her not to
17
   answer until you can show some
18
   relevance, and then maybe we can go on.
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
20
              Who are the friends and
         Ο.
21
  family you described a moment ago?
22
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
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object and instruct her not to answer.

23

24

BY MR. HERMANN:

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Do you have a separate
         Q.
1
  company set up to do this?
2
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
3
  object and instruct her not to answer.
4
  BY MR. HERMANN:
5
         Q. Does anybody in your family
6
  work with you in connection with these
7
  transactions involving clothing
8
  distribution?
9
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
10
  object and instruct her not to answer.
11
   BY MR. HERMANN:
12
         Q. Do you draw a salary in
13
  connection with this business?
14
               MS. BASKIN: The non-Bagga
15
16
  business?
  BY MR. HERMANN:
17
           Yes, the clothing
18
  distribution business we're talking
19
20
   about.
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
21
  object and instruct her not to answer.
22
   BY MR. HERMANN:
23
           Is there any other
24
         Q.
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employment in which you are engaged
 1
 2
   apart from Bagga Enterprises and the
 3
   clothing distribution that you just told
 4
   me about?
 5
          Α.
                No.
 6
          Q .
                Did you have any other
 7
   business interests with either the Bagga
   family members or the Chawla family
 8
 9
   members apart from what you have told me
10
   about already?
11
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
12
   object and instruct the witness not to
13
   answer.
14
   BY MR. HERMANN:
15
         Q.
                Do you have someone who is
16
   a money manager for you?
17
                MS. BASKIN: For her
18
   personally?
19
                    HERMANN: Yes.
               MR.
20
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
21
   object and instruct the witness not to
22
   answer.
23
   BY MR. HERMANN:
24
         Q .
               Do you have an investment
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1
   advisor?
 2
          Α.
                What do you mean
   "investment advisor"?
 3
 4
                A person who advises you
          Q.
 5
   about what investments to make or not to
 6
   make.
 7
          Α.
                No.
 8
                MR. HERMANN: Can we take a
 9
   break for a moment?
10
                (Recess from 11:11 a.m. to
11
   11:23 a.m.)
   BY MR. HERMANN:
12
13
          Q.
                What does Bagga Enterprises
14
   do?
15
          Α.
               It operates Arby's
16
   Restaurants.
17
                The Arby's Restaurants that
   are owned in whole or in part by your
18
19
   husband and your family?
20
         Α.
                Yes.
21
         Q.
                Does that include all the
22
   Arby's in Pennsylvania?
23
         Α.
                No, not all of them.
24
         Q .
                Which ones does it include?
```

```
I don't remember the names
1
   of all of them.
2
           Do you remember which ones
3
   it doesn't include, if that's a smaller
4
5
   list?
           Yes. There are some that
         Α.
6
   are owned by -- operated by Welcome and
7
8
   some by Bagga.
         Q. So are all of the Arby's
9
  Restaurants in which the Bagga family
10
  has some interest operated either by
11
   Bagga Enterprises or by Welcome Group?
12
               Yes.
13
         Α.
               Who owns Bagga Enterprises?
14
         Q.
               Paul does.
15
         Α.
               100%?
16
         Q.
               I think so, yes.
17
         Α.
               Do you know if it has a
18
         Q .
            directors?
19
   board of
               Huh?
         Α.
20
               Do you know whether Bagga
21
         Q .
  Enterprises has a board of directors?
22
               I don't know.
23
         Α.
               Have you ever seen any
24
         Q.
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minutes of board meetings?
 1
               I have not.
 2
               Now, does Bagga Enterprises
 3
         Q .
   keep separate books for each of the
 4
 5
   stores?
             What do you mean "separate
 6
 7
   books"?
               Does it keep, for example,
 8
   a separate general ledger for each
 9
   separate Arby's store or does it have
10
   all of the accounts in one central
11
12
   operating account?
               I think it's all done
13
   together for all the stores.
14
               Are you involved at all
                                          in
15
         Q .
   the bookkeeping aspect of the Bagga
16
17
   Enterprises business?
               Some.
18
         Α.
               What are your functions?
19
               Bagga -- because the
20
         Α.
   different units have stores at different
21
  places, so we have -- my job is to make
22
   sure that the funds come into one
23
  account and then bills are paid out of
24
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that account. We try to manage it out
1
  of one account because the stores are in
2
  all different locations and we don't
3
  have the same bank at all the remote
4
  areas, so the money has to be
5
  transferred into one management company
6
  account and then we try to pay
7
  everything out of there.
8
               So when funds come from the
9
  various Arby's Restaurants, they go into
10
  that account you were just describing?
11
             Yes.
         Α...
12
             Is that like a central
         Q.
13
  management account?
14
            Yes.
         Α.
15
            And all of the payables are
         Q.
16
  paid out of those accounts?
17
               Most of them, yes.
18
         Α.
               Which ones aren't?
19
         Q.
               Sometimes the stores have
         Α.
20
   to pay cash payouts that they pay out
21
   and sometimes -- most of them are paid
22
   out of the central account. But
23
   sometimes if we have to send a check
24
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out, I don't have time to transfer the
1
  money -- it takes time from one bank to
2
  another -- then we might write it out of
3
  that account; but it is usually not
4
5
  done.
              When income from a
         Q.
6
  restaurant is received by you, is that
7
  usually received in the form of a check
8
  or cash?
               Income from the Arby's?
         Α.
10
               Yes.
         Q .
11
               It is mostly cash.
12
         Α.
               And how is that delivered;
         Q.
13
   in other words, how is it physically
14
   delivered?
15
               It's deposited in the bank
16
   closest to the store.
17
               And then there is a
18
   transfer from that bank to your account?
19
               To the management account,
20
   central account, yes.
21
               You are in charge of
         Q.
22
   handling payments to vendors and other
23
   tradespeople who need to be paid for
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2

checks.

Q.

23

24

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                                               8:
  what they have supplied to the business;
  is that right?
               Yes.
         Α.
3
               Does anybody work with you
         Q.
4
  on that or do you do that yourself?
5
               No. There are other people
         Α.
6
  working --
7
                Who else works with you on
         Q -
8
  that?
9
                To pay that it -- I
                                      have
         Α.
10
  Khalid in the office.
11
                Can you spell it?
         Q.
12
                K-H-A-L-I-D.
         Α.
13
                What does Khalid do?
         Q.
14
               He basically collects
         Α.
15
       the -- gets all the bills together
16
       he prepares the checks and then we
17
   decide what to release, depending on
18
   what money is there.
19
             Who decides which checks to
          Q.
20
   write and which to hold for the moment?
21
                I tell them to write the
          Α.
22
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DEPOSITION SERVICES

Do you sometimes tell them

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1 not to write certain checks or to hold
2 off on them for a while?
3 A. Yes, sometimes. But he
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- basically writes the checks and then we release them as we have to.
- Q. So he writes checks for all of the people to whom the business owes money and you may decide to release some and not release others?
- 10 A. Yes.

- 11 Q. Do you make those decisions 12 on your own?
- A. No. I ask Paul sometimes.

  14 Some of the bills have -- like electric

  15 has to be paid, some things have to be

  16 paid, so....
- Q. Who else works with you besides Khalid in connection with payables and receipts?
- A. Right now just Bob and 21 Khalid.
- Q. What function does Mr. Popp
  23 play with regard to receipts and
  24 payables?

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1
         Α.
               He is not really involved
 2
   with payables. He just does -- he is
   more with the operations, like ordering
 3
   the food and doing the payroll and doing
 4
   the food analysis and stuff. He does
 5
   that kind of thing.
 6
               Do you have any involvement
 7
   in those areas?
 8
 9
         Α.
               No.
10
            Do you review the bank
         Q .
11
   statements?
12
               MS. BASKIN: For who?
13
   BY MR. HERMANN:
14
         Q .
               For Bagga Enterprises.
               Sometimes.
15
         Α.
               What determines whether you
16
         Q.
17
   do or don't review a particular bank
18
   statement?
               I don't really need to
19
         Α.
20
   review.
21
               Somebody else apart from
         Q.
22
   you reviews the bank statements of Bagga
23
  Enterprises?
24
         Α.
               The review for what?
```

```
For anything. A bank
         Q .
1
  statement comes in from the bank. Does
2
  somebody review it, is my question.
3
               I guess, you know, they
4
  reconcile the statement.
5
               Who does that?
6
         Q.
               Khalid.
7
         Α.
               And when he looks at the
         Q.
8
  bank statements, does he ever discuss
  them with you?
10
               If there's a problem, if
11
  there's some charge or a bank charge or
12
  anything; other than that it's not
13
  necessary.
14
               Apart from the $52,000 a
15
  year that you told us about a moment
16
        do you receive any other management
17
   fees from Bagga Enterprises?
18
               I don't know how that is
19
   done, but I know there are other
20
   management fees. I don't get involved
21
   with that.
22
            Do you personally receive
23
   any management fees from Bagga
24
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Enterprises apart from your salary?
 1
 2
               I don't take any.
               Do you receive any other
 3
   kind of financial distribution from the
 4
   company, Bagga Enterprises, apart from
 5
   the salary you mentioned?
 6
 7
               No, I don't think so.
         Α.
 8
               Have you ever reviewed
   Bagga Enterprises' tax return?
 9
10
         Α.
               No.
11
               Did you ever sign any
12
   documents on behalf of Bagga
13
   Enterprises?
14
            I don't remember.
               Do you know what banks
15
         Q .
  Bagga Enterprises has accounts with?
16
17
               They are all different
         Α.
18
  banks, because wherever the stores are,
  whichever bank is closer to it, that's
19
20
   the bank.
               That's where the cash is
21
         Q .
22
  deposited?
23
         Α.
               Yes.
24
         Q.
               And who has the management
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account for Bagga Enterprises, which
1
  bank?
2
               Right now -- it used to be
3
         Α.
  United Management account, but we don't
4
  have that anymore.
5
               MS. BASKIN: He is asking
6
7
  which bank.
     MR. HERMANN:
8
  BY
               I'm just asking about Bagga
9
         Q.
  Enterprises now.
10
               Bagga Enterprises operated
11
         Α.
            I think it's PNC Bank.
12
   from now
             Does Bagga Enterprises do
13
         Q.
  banking business with any other banks
14
   for its central management functions as
15
   opposed to the depository banks where
16
   the stores are?
17
            I don't understand.
18
               Does Bagga Enterprises have
19
   any other bank accounts that it uses for
20
   central management purposes apart from
21
   the one you just mentioned?
22
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ESQUIRE DEPOSITION SERVICES

Does Bagga Enterprises rent

No.

Α.

Q.

23

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1
   space anywhere?
 2
         Α.
                For?
 3
                For real estate, for
 4
   storage, for offices. Does it rent
 5
   space in the building, in the Bethlehem
 6
   Pike building?
 7
         Α.
               Yes. That's where the
 8
   office is.
 9
         Q.
               Does it pay rent for those
10
   offices?
11
         Α.
               Yes, it's supposed to,
12
         It is
               supposed to be
13
   distributed
14
               MS. BASKIN: The question is
15
   does Bagga Enterprises pay rent for the
16
   property at Bethlehem Pike?
17
               MR. HERMANN: Yes.
18
               THE WITNESS: Yes. It stays
19
   a part of the --
20
   BY MR. HERMANN:
21
               Does Bagga Enterprises rent
22
   storage space anywhere?
23
         Α.
               They might. I don't --
24
         Q.
               You are not aware of any?
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1 A. I don't know of any.
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- Q. Have you ever written any
- 3 checks to storage companies on Bagga
- 4 Enterprises?
- 5 A. I haven't written any
- 6 checks to storage companies. I don't
- 7 remember.
- 8 Q. When Bagga Enterprises
- 9 receives a check from somebody, how is
- 10 it physically deposited in the bank?
- 11 Does someone actually take it to the
- 12 bank?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Who is that person? Is
- 15 that you?
- A. Sometimes.
- 17 Q. When it is not you, who is
- 18 | it?
- 19 A. It could be Paul or
- 20 somebody in the office, whoever is --
- 21 anybody will do that, me or Paul or Bob,
- 22 anybody. Yes, it's just a deposit, drop
- 23 it off at the bank.
- Q. Now, have you personally

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written checks on Bagga Enterprises?
1
               Now, you told me a moment
2
      that Khalid writes the checks and
3
  ago
  you decide what to release. Do you ever
  at times also write checks yourself
5
  personally?
6
               Very rarely. I might have.
7
         Α.
               Do you have a stamp that
8
         Q .
  your office uses for your signature?
               Yes.
10
         Α.
               Does Khalid stamp checks
11
         Q.
  with your signature?
12
               Yes, sometimes, yes.
13
         Α.
               Is there anybody else who
14
         Q .
   is permitted to use that stamp?
15
               Paul.
16
         Α.
               Anybody else?
17
         Q.
18
         Α.
               No.
               Have you ever heard of
19
         Q.
   Jamuna Real Estate, LLC?
20
21
         Α.
               Yes.
               And what does Jamuna Real
22
         Q.
  Estate do?
23
               It owns the real estate for
24
         Α.
```

```
some of the Arby's.
 1
 2
         Q.
               The ones in Pennsylvania?
               Yes, some of them in
 3
   Pennsylvania.
 4
         Q. Do you have an ownership
 5
   interest in Jamuna Real Estate, LLC?
 6
 7
         Α.
               No.
               Do you know who the owners
 8
         Q.
 9
   are?
10
         Α.
               Paul Bagga.
11
               As far as you know, he owns
         Q.
12
   it 100%?
13
               Yes, I think so.
         Α.
14
               Has he always owned it
         Q.
15
   100%?
16
         A .
               No. I think it was -- I
  owned a part of it a few years ago and
17
18
   then it was -- he took it.
               You in fact owned 50% of it
19
         Q .
  a few years ago, didn't you?
20
21
         Α.
               Yes.
22
         Q. When did you transfer that
23
  50%?
24
              I don't remember the exact
         Α.
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1 time. Sometime in 2000, 2001.
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- 2 Q. In 2000 or 2001 to whom did
- 3 you transfer that 50% interest in Jamuna?
- A. To Paul.
- 5 Q. What did you get in return
- 6 for transferring that interest? Did you
- 7 get an interest in something else?
- A. I don't remember exactly
- 9 how it was. I know it was transferred.
- 10 | I don't know exactly what Paul
- 11 transferred, really.
- 12 Q. Is it your testimony that
- 13 you believe you did get something in
- 14 exchange for the transfer of your
- 15 interest but you don't remember what it
- 16 | was?
- 17 A. I know it was transferred.
- 18 | I don't know what was done with it.
- 19 Q. Do you know what the reason
- 20 was for the transfer?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. At the time of the transfer
- 23 did you attempt to find out whether a
- 24 50% interest in Jamuna Real Estate had

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any value?
1
              No.
         Α.
2
               Why did you transfer it?
         0.
3
               He said sign some papers.
         Α.
4
               That's how you transferred
         Q.
5
        Why did you transfer it?
  it.
6
               I don't know. Paul just
         Α.
7
  asked me to sign papers, some transfer
8
  papers, and I signed them.
               Did you have a lawyer
         Q .
10
  representing you at the time?
11
               No.
         Α.
12
               Do you know who drew up the
         Q.
13
  papers?
14
               No.
         Α.
15
               Did you ever do any work
16
         Q .
   for Jamuna?
17
               What kind of work?
         Α.
18
             Any kind of bookkeeping
         Q .
19
   work or operations work, the kind that
20
   you do for Bagga Enterprises or
21
   anything.
22
         A. I don't remember doing it,
23
24
   no.
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1
            Did you ever get a salary
 2
   from Jamuna?
 3
         Α.
               No.
 4
         Q.
               Did you ever receive any
 5
   financial distributions from Jamuna?
 6
         Α.
             I don't think so.
 7
               What does the word "Jamuna"
         Q.
 8
   mean or signify? Is it someone's name?
 9
         Α.
            It's Paul's grandmother's
10
   name.
11
         Q. Did Jamuna have any
12
   employees while you had an ownership
13
   interest in it?
14
               I don't think so, no.
15
         Q .
               Does it have any today, as
16
   far as you know?
17
         Α.
               No, I don't think so.
18
         Q.
               Is it located at the
19
  Bethlehem Pike office?
20
         A. I think that's the address
21
  they use.
22
         Q. Did you ever review its
23
  bank statements?
24
         A .
               No.
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Q. Did you ever sign any
1
  documents on behalf of Jamuna apart from
2
  the ones you just told me about
3
  transferring your interest?
4
            I don't remember. I might
5
  have. I don't remember.
6
         Q. Did you report the sale of
7
  your interest in Jamuna to the Internal
8
  Revenue Service on your tax return?
9
              MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
10
  object. You are classifying it as
11
  sale. Sitting here today, I'm not sure
12
  it is a sale.
13
  BY MR. HERMANN:
14
         Q. Transfer, you said a
15
16
  transfer.
        A. I don't know how it was
17
  done on the tax returns.
18
         Q. Did you ever discuss with
19
  your accountant whether the transfer
20
  resulted in any gain or loss of income
21
  to you for tax purposes?
22
23
               No.
         Α.
               Is the business operation
24
         Q.
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of Jamuna handled by Bagga Enterprises
1
  part of its management function?
2
               Can you repeat that?
3
               Does Bagga Enterprises
         Q.
4
  handle the business accounts for Jamuna
5
  Real Estate?
6
               I don't think so, no.
         Α.
7
               Who does? Does it handle
         Q.
8
  its own?
9
               I don't know. I have no
         Α.
10
  idea.
11
               Do you write checks on any
12
         Q.
  accounts of Jamuna Real Estate these
13
   days?
14
         Α.
                No.
15
               Did you ever?
         Q.
16
                No.
         Α.
17
                When you had an ownership
18
         Q.
   interest in Jamuna, did you ever review
19
   invoices that were sent to it; people
20
   who were looking to be paid by it?
21
                No.
         Α.
22
                And since the transfer of
23
         Q.
   your interest have you done that?
24
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1 A. No.
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- Q. Did you ever hear of
- 3 Welcome Group?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What does Welcome Group do?
- 6 A. It's another operating
- 7 entity for some of the Arby's
- 8 Restaurants.
- Q. What does Welcome Group do
- 10 | that United Management Services or Bagga
- 11 | Enterprises doesn't do?
- 12 A. Welcome is an operating
- 13 entity for some of the Arby's and Bagga
- 14 is operating entity for some of the
- 15 Arby's and United was the management
- 16 company for all of the Arby's.
- 17 Q. When you say an operating
- 18 entity as opposed to a management
- 19 company, what is the difference in your
- 20 mind, between those two functions?
- 21 A. Operating entity in the
- 22 sense that they have the Arby's license
- 23 to operate the stores so they are -- and
- 24 United is the management company that

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manages that and other things.
1
                  am I understanding you
               So
2
  correctly that the operating entity just
3
  holds the license, just holds and owns
  the license, for the franchise or
5
  whatever and all the --
               Uh-huh.
         Α.
7
               -- management activity is
8
  handled by United Management or Bagga
9
  Enterprises?
10
               By the management company.
         Α.
11
               By the management company.
         Q .
12
     that correct?
13
   Ιs
               Yes, that's what I think.
         Α.
14
               Who owns Welcome Group?
         Q.
15
               Paul does.
         Α.
16
                100%?
         Q.
17
                I think so, yes.
         Α.
18
                Are there any indirect
19
         Q.
   owners of Welcome Group, as far as
                                         you
20
21
   know?
            What do you mean
22
         Α.
   "indirect"?
23
               People who have an
24
         Q.
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ownership interest in it but for whom
1
  Paul Bagga is the nominee or
2
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- representative or nominal holder of that 3 interest?
- I don't think so. I think 5
- And have you ever had any 7 ownership interest in Welcome Group? 8
- I don't think so, no. 9
- Do you know whether Welcome 10 Group has a board of directors? 11
- I don't know that. 12
- Have you ever seen the 13 minutes of any board meetings for 14
- Welcome Group? 15

Paul owns it.

4

- I don't remember. 16
- Did you ever work for 17 Q.
- Welcome Group? 18
- I worked in the office and 19 I worked for United, so I was doing 20 managing for Welcome also because United 21
- was managing for Welcome and for Bagga 22
- 23 Enterprises.
- What kind of managing did 24 Q.

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1
   Welcome need? What areas did it need
 2
   management services in?
 3
              The same as Bagga
 4
   Enterprises.
 5
              And you wrote checks on the
   accounts of Welcome Group?
 6
 7
               Yes.
 8
              When I say you wrote
   checks, you wrote in the same way that
 9
   you testified before, that Khalid would
10
11
   write them and you would decide which
12
   ones to release?
13
         A. Yes. Whoever was working
14
   there, they would write the checks.
15
         Q.
              Has Khalid been there a
16
   long time?
17
         A. No. There were other
18
  people before that.
19
         Q .
              Who had his job of writing,
20
  preparing the checks before him?
21
              There have been various
22
  people who worked before.
23
         Q. Do you remember any of
24
  their names?
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There used to be this lady
         Α.
 1
 2
   Gloria and --
            Do you remember Gloria's
 3
         Q .
   last name?
 4
 5
         Α.
               No.
               Do you know Khalid's last
 6
         Q.
 7
   name?
 8
         Α.
               No.
               Are there records of the
 9
10
   company which would reflect what their
11
   last names are?
12
            Yes, I'm sure the
13
   company....
14
            If I leave a space in the
         Q .
15
   deposition for you to fill that in,
16
   would you be able to fill in what those
17
   persons' names were?
18
               I don't remember their last
19
   name without checking.
20
            And if after checking you
21
   can recall what their last names were, I
22
   would ask that you fill them in in the
23
   blank space in the transcript.
24
               MS. BASKIN: Specifically
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the names of the people who held
1
  Khalid's position prior to Khalid?
2
               MR. HERMANN: Yes, right.
3
  BY MR. HERMANN:
4
            Did you receive any
5
  management fees or other kind of income
6
  from Welcome Group?
7
               I don't know how the
8
  management fee structure was handled.
9
  That was done by Paul.
10
               Am I understanding you
11
  correctly that you are not sure which
12
   entities may have paid you management
1.3
   fees?
14
              Yes.
         Α.
15
               If you received management
16
         Q.
   fees, those would have been declared on
17
   your tax return; correct?
18
               Yes.
         Α.
19
               Were there ever
                                 any
20
   circumstances in which a check would be
21
   written and stamped with your signature
22
   that would go out without your approval?
23
            Yes, sometimes it does.
```

Α.

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Was that something that
1
         Q.
  happened infrequently?
2
               I'm not there in the office
3
  all the time, so if I'm not there, some
 4
  check have to go out, they would stamp
 5
   it and send it.
 6
            And would they tell you
 7
         Q.
  about it after the fact?
8
 9
         Α.
               Yes.
            Did you from time to time
10
  review lists of checks you had written
11
   on United Management?
12
13
         Α.
             Yes.
             And Bagga Enterprises?
14
         Q.
         Α.
               Yes.
15
               Did you handle any wire
16
         Q.
   transfers for Welcome Group?
17
               Yes, I think I did.
18
            On what occasions did
19
  Welcome Group or United Management have
20
  wire transfers?
21
           Well, some of the vendors
22
         Α.
  needed -- like for the food supplies,
23
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money has to be wired to them, so you

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10
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have to send out wires for ....
1
            Were wires sent only to
2
        Q .
  vendors or to other people as well?
3
              Mostly to vendors; but
4
  there could be other people, too. I
5
  don't remember.
           Were there wires made into
7
  United Management or Welcome Group
8
  accounts at times?
9
               Yes.
         Α.
10
               Or Bagga Enterprises as
         Q.
11
  well?
12
               Yes.
         Α.
13
               And from whom? From what
14
         Q .
   entities were these wires received?
15
               I don't know the vendor you
16
   are referring to, but there were wires.
17
   Sometimes the money was put in. I don't
18
   remember where.
19
               Well, what I'm asking you,
20
         Q.
   on what occasions would funds be wired
21
   into United Management's or Welcome
22
   Group's or Bagga Enterprises' account?
23
                If they were short of funds
         Α.
24
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to pay the bills, then we had to get
 1
 2
   money in to pay the bills.
              And would that be from
 3
   another bank in that situation?
 4
 5
         Α.
              Yes.
            Were there any outside
 6
 7
   investors in any of the Bagga family
  businesses?
 8
               MS. BASKIN: When you refer
 9
  to "Bagga family businesses" --
10
               MR. HERMANN: The Arby's we
11
12
   are talking about; I'm sorry.
               THE WITNESS: I don't know.
13
14
  BY MR. HERMANN:
            If there are outside
15
  investors, your testimony is that you
16
   are not aware of them?
17
18
              Yes, I don't know.
19
             Did you ever encounter
20
  situations in which people, whether
  potential investors or banks or other
21
22
  people, wanted to know what the expenses
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run by United Management Services?

were of the Arby's businesses that were

23

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1
         Α.
               I'm sorry. What do
 2
                (The court reporter read the
 3
   record as
             follows:
 4
               "QUESTION: Did you ever
 5
   encounter situations in which people,
 6
   whether potential investors or banks or
 7
   other people, wanted to know what the
   expenses were of the Arby's businesses
 8
 9
   that were run by United Management
10
   Services?")
11
               THE WITNESS: Nobody asked
12
        I was never....
   me.
13
   BY MR. HERMANN:
14
         Q. You never had a situation
15
   in --
16
               MS. BASKIN: I was never
   asked, she said.
17
18
               You can't trail off at the
19
   end because she can't get it.
20
               THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.
21
   BY MR. HERMANN:
22
         Q.
            You never had a situation
23
   in which you tried to assemble
  documentation to show some outside
24
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Do you know the business
1
  reason for it owning those five stores
2
  and not other stores? Is there a common
3
  reason?
            They were the stores that
5
  were there before it was a separate
6
  company, so -- and then the stores that
7
  were acquired later on, I think they
  were owned by Jamuna.
9
            What interest, if any, do
         Q.
10
  you have in K&P Realty?
11
            Iown 100% of K&P.
12
         Q. Is K&P Realty a
13
  corporation?
14
            I think so.
         Α.
15
            Do you know who is on its
         Q .
16
           directors?
   board of
17
               I don't know. I don't
         Α.
18
           don't remember.
   know. I
19
            Does it have any employees?
         Q .
20
               N \circ .
         Α.
21
               Are its operations run out
         Q.
22
   of the Bethlehem Pike office?
23
               Yes.
         Α.
24
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Apart from your ownership
1
         Q.
  interest, do you receive any
2
  compensation from K&P Realty?
3
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
4
  object and instruct the witness not to
5
6
  answer.
7
  BY MR. HERMANN:
         Q. Has K&P Realty ever sold
8
  any property?
9
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
10
  object and instruct the witness not to
11
12
  answer.
  BY MR. HERMANN:
13
            Does K&P Realty have any
14
         Q.
15
  income?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
16
  object and instruct the witness not to
17
  answer.
18
19
  BY MR. HERMANN:
            Do you sign documents on
20
         Q.
21
  behalf of K&P Realty?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
22
  object and instruct the witness not to
23
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answer.

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BY MR. HERMANN:
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6

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9

10

17

18

- Q. Does K&P Realty have any contracts with any Bagga family owned enterprises?
- A. Some -- it owns the real estate and then it is leased out to some of the Arby's, the leases with the five Arby's that are there. I don't know if that's the contract you are talking about.
- 11 Q. Well, for purposes of our
  12 discussion let's assume it is a
  13 contract. Does K&P Realty receive
  14 income in connection with leasing those
  15 properties to the Arby's entries?
  16 A. What do you mean does it
  - Q. Does it get rent?
- 19 A. Yes.

receive income?

- Q. Does it pay that rent over to any other entity?
- A. It has to pay the mortgage. K&P has to pay the mortgage.
- Q. Once it is finished paying

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the mortgage, if there is any money left
over, who does that money go to?

MS. BASKIN: Object and
instruct the witness not to answer.
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- 5 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. Does it go to you
- 7 personally?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to 9 object and instruct the witness not to 10 answer.
- 11 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 12 Q. Did you ever sign a tax
  13 return for K&P Realty?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to 15 object and instruct the witness not to 16 answer.
- 17 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 18 Q. Is the income for K&P

  19 Realty declared on your personal tax

  20 return?
- MS. BASKIN: I'm going to 22 object and instruct the witness not to 23 answer.
- 24 BY MR. HERMANN:

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Does K&P Realty have a
         Q.
1
  checking account?
2
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
3
  object and instruct the witness not to
4
5
  answer.
  BY MR. HERMANN:
6
               Does K&P Realty pay any
         Q.
7
  expenses, business expenses, other than
8
  the mortgage?
9
               What do you mean "business
         Α.
10
  expenses"? Like what?
11
               Like bulbs, insurance,
12
         Q .
  whatever operating expenses a business
13
  may have.
14
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
15
   object and instruct the witness not to
16
   answer.
17
               MR. HERMANN: Let's take a
18
   break for a second because I want to
19
   inquire what the arrangements are.
20
                (Recess from 12:12 p.m. to
21
   12:14 p.m.)
22
                (Mr. Lawrence Tabas relieved
23
   Mr. Steven Haber.)
24
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PROTEDE DEPOSITION SERVICES

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BY MR. HERMANN:
 1
               Did you ever hear of an
 2
         Q.
   entity called Poojan, Inc., P-O-O-J-A-N?
 3
 4
         Α.
              Yes.
               What does that do?
 5
         Q.
               It owns one of the Arby's.
         Α.
 6
               Which one does it own?
 7
         Q.
               Pittston, P-I-T-S-T-O-N.
 8
         Α.
               Do you have any ownership
 9
         Q .
   interest in Poojan?
10
               I don't know if it is
11
         Α.
   jointly owned by Paul. I don't
12
13
   remember.
         Q. Do you know whether Poojan
14
   has any employees?
15
16
         Α.
               Yes.
               Who would that be?
17
         Q.
               People who work there.
         Α.
18
         Q. So does Poojan own the
19
   store itself and the real estate?
20
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
21
22
   object and instruct the witness not to
23
   answer, unless you can show the
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relevance.

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3

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                                             11
  BY MR. HERMANN:
               What does the word "Poojan"
  mean to you? Is that someone's name?
               It's a combination of my
         Α.
  daughter and my son's name.
               And who is who?
         Q.
6
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
7
  object and instruct the witness not to
8
   answer.
9
   BY MR. HERMANN:
10
                Is there a company that
11
  provides management services for Poojan?
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
13
   object and instruct the witness not to
14
   answer.
15
                MR. TABAS: I'm sorry to
16
   interject at this point, but,
17
   Ms. Baskin, if you are going to continue
   to do that, I'm going to get Judge Reed
19
   on the phone.
20
                MS. BASKIN: That's okay.
21
                     BURKE: We have already
                MS.
22
   handled this.
23
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TABAS: Are you sure? MR. 24

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HERMANN:
                              Yes.
               MR.
1
                   TABAS: Okay.
               MR.
2
     MR. HERMANN:
3
               Did you ever sign any
         Q.
4
  documents on behalf of Poojan?
5
                              I'm going to
               MS. BASKIN:
6
  object and instruct the witness not to
7
8
  answer.
  BY MR. HERMANN:
9
               Did you ever sign any
         Q.
10
  checks on behalf of Poojan?
11
               Yes.
         Α.
12
               For what purpose did you do
         Q.
13
   that?
14
              For paying the bills for
         Α.
15
   Poojan.
16
                Is that through the United
         Q.
17
   Management or Bagga Enterprises account,
18
   through a management account?
19
                It used to be through
20
   United; it's not anymore.
                                 N \circ .
21
   Poojan is separate, yes. It used to be
22
   through Management -- through United
2.3
   Management, but now it's not because we
24
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DE DOSTTION SERVICES

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11
  separated everybody. Welcome pays its
1
  own and Bagga pays its own and Poojan
2
3
  pays its own now.
           It has its own checkbook at
         Q.
4
5
  this point?
6
         Α.
            Yes.
           Have you ever heard of an
7
         Q.
  entity called CJA Enterprises?
8
               I don't know. It's not my
9
  entity. I don't know what it is.
10
         Q. You have never heard of it;
11
  is that correct?
12
              No. I have --
13
         Α.
               MS. BASKIN: The question is
14
  did you ever hear of an entity called
15
  CJA.
16
               THE WITNESS: Yes.
17
  BY MR. HERMANN:
18
           Do you know what it does?
19
         Q.
20
              It operates Arby's
         Α.
21
  Restaurants in Texas.
         Q. Is that in Mission and
22
23
  Brownsville?
               I think so, yes.
24
         Α.
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11
 1
             Have you ever done any work
          Q.
   for CJA Enterprises?
 2
 3
                United did the management
 4
   for those stores, so....
 5
          Q.
                So to the extent that you
 6
   were working for United, United did work
 7
   for CJA Enterprises; correct?
 8
               Yes, I quess so.
 9
                Were you ever paid
10
   separately by CJA Enterprises?
11
          Α.
                No.
12
                Did you ever receive any
13
   distributions of income from CJA
14
   Enterprises?
15
         Α.
                No.
16
         Q.
                Did CJA Enterprises ever
17
   sell any property?
18
         Α.
                I don't know of any.
19
         Q.
                Did you ever see a tax
20
   return for CJA Enterprises?
21
         Α.
                No.
22
               Do you know when it was set
         Q.
23
   up?
24
         Α.
                Pardon me?
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11
               Do you know when it was
         Q.
1
  up?
2
         Α.
               No.
3
               Did you ever hear of an
4
         Q.
  entity called Ten Tigers, Incorporated?
5
               Yes.
         Α.
6
               What's that?
7
         Q.
               That was involved with the
         Α.
8
  clothing distribution business.
9
               That was involved with your
10
         Q.
  clothing distribution business that you
11
   described earlier?
12
               No, not my clothing
13
  distribution; but that's what I remember
14
   the name from, it had something to do
15
   with the clothing business.
16
               But it had something to do
17
   with American Merchandising?
18
                I don't know.
19
         Α.
                Do you know anything else
20
   about Ten Tigers, Incorporated, in terms
21
   of what it does?
22
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
23
   object and instruct the witness not to
24
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answer.
 1
2
   BY MR. HERMANN:
               I take it you have heard of
 3
   American Merchandising Company,
 4
 5
   Incorporated?
             Pardon me?
 6
            Have you heard of American
 7
         Q.
  Merchandising Company, Incorporated?
8
 9
         Α.
               Yes.
               Do you have any ownership
10
         Ο.
   interest in it?
11
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
12
  object and instruct the witness not to
13
14
   answer.
   BY MR. HERMANN:
15
               Do you know who owns it?
16
         Q.
               I think Paul Bagga.
17
         Α.
               Does he own 100% of it?
18
         Q.
               I don't know.
19
         Α.
               Do you know who was on the
20
  board of directors of American
21
22
  Merchandising?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
23
```

object and instruct the witness not to

```
answer.
1
  BY MR. HERMANN:
2
               Have you ever seen any
3
  board meeting minutes for American
4
  Merchandising?
5
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
6
  object and instruct the witness not to
7
  answer.
8
  BY MR. HERMANN:
9
              Did you ever receive any
10
  management fees or any distributions of
11
  income from American Merchandising?
12
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
13
  object and instruct the witness not to
14
15
   answer.
      MR. HERMANN:
16
               Did you ever see a tax
17
         Q.
   return for American Merchandising?
18
               I don't know.
19
         Α.
               Did United Management
20
         Q.
   Services or Bagga Enterprises ever
21
   handle any management functions for
22
   American Merchandising?
23
```

Α.

They might have. I don't

```
remember.
1
         Q. What makes you think they
2
  might have?
3
               I don't remember if it did
4
  or it didn't.
5
               Was there a relationship in
6
  which were you aware of the business of
7
  American Merchandising Company and the
8
  clothing distribution business that you
9
  described yourself as having been in?
10
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
11
  object and instruct the witness not to
12
13
  answer.
  BY MR. HERMANN:
14
              Do you know whether
15
  American Merchandising rents storage
16
   space anywhere?
17
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
18
  object and instruct the witness not to
19
20
   answer.
```

21 BY MR. HERMANN:

Q. Did you ever personally
3 sign any checks to American
4 Merchandising?

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1
                MS.
                    BASKIN: I'm going to
 2
   object and instruct the witness not to
 3
   answer.
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 4
 5
         Q.
                Are you aware of any funds
 6
   from American Merchandising that were
 7
   sent by check or wire to either United
 8
   Management Services or Bagga
 9
   Enterprises?
10
              I don't remember that.
11
         Q.
               Now, a while ago you
12
   testified about how United Management
13
   Services maintained a common operating
14
   account from which funds were paid on
15
   behalf of various Bagga family
16
   enterprises connected with the Arby's
17
   businesses in Pennsylvania. Do you
18
   recall that?
19
         Α.
               Yes.
20
         Q.
               What controls were in
21
   place, as far as you know, to keep the
22
   bookkeeping at each of these entities
23
   separate?
24
         Α.
             Arby's?
```

```
Yes. So that the income
        Q .
1
  and expenses of the various stores were
2
  attributed to those stores.
3
              Well, some of the expenses,
4
  like, for example, the insurance expense
5
      -- there was one check sent out, but
6
  then it was distributed for all the
7
  stores and it was expensed to all the
8
  stores. So we had to keep that
  separate.
10
               But then the other expenses,
11
  like if -- for the vendors for the food,
12
  that we knew which store paid -- how
13
  much it was for each store, so it was
14
  related to that store.
15
               And then, of course, the
16
  utilities and all for each store was
17
   separate, so....
18
               Was there a particular
19
   person at United Management who was
20
   responsible for making sure that the
21
   income and expenses attributable to each
22
   store were in fact attributed to those
```

24

stores?

```
1
            Paul handled all the
   operations. I don't know how that is
 2
 3
   done.
 4
              What about Bob Popp; was he
 5
   involved in that?
 6
            I don't know.
 7
               While working at United
 8
   Management Services or Bagga Enterprises
 9
   did you ever have discussions with any
10
   other employees or owners about making
   sure that the expenses attributable to
11
12
   each store were in fact attributed to
13
   those stores on their profit and loss,
14
   income/expense statements?
15
               Yes. That's what we tried
16
   to do, make sure that each store was
17
   able to pay its expenses.
                               So they made
18
   the statements for each store to see
19
  that -- I mean we know what the store
       in deposits by the sales. And then
20
  what the expenses are, some of them are
21
22
  directly made for that store, the bills
23
  that we get; the others have to be
```

distributed. The ones like the rent

```
that's for the office, that has to be
1
  distributed. The insurance has to be
2
  distributed between different, so that
3
  has to be allocated.
4
              So then they make the
5
  statement so they know that it
6
  is separate.
7
            To use the example you gave
8
  about insurance, an allocation among the
  various stores, who is the person who
10
  actually did that? Who decided how much
11
  of an insurance bill gets attributed to
12
  each of these?
13
         A. Well, it gets distributed
14
  by each store because each store has its
15
  own insurance, so they know --
16
           Each store has its own
         Q .
17
   insurance?
18
            I mean it is paid by
19
   United. But I think the policy, they
20
   have to list all the stores, so each
21
   store has its own allocation for
22
   insurance and whatever it is for that
23
   store.
24
```

```
1
         Q.
               Now, have you ever seen
 2
   connection with your working for United
 3
   Management Services or Bagga Enterprises
 4
   monthly profit-and-losses for each
 5
   store?
 6
               I don't get involved with
         Α.
 7
   that,
         no.
 8
         Q.
            Do you see any annual
 9
   profit and losses for each store?
10
               That's not my area. I
11
   don't get into the operations of the
12
   restaurants, no.
13
         Q. Have you ever overheard any
14
   discussion about which expenses could
15
   properly be attributed to the business
16
   of the stores as opposed to some other
17
   enterprise?
18
               I don't understand your
19
   question.
20
              Have you ever heard any
         Q.
21
   discussion or dispute between people as
22
   to whether certain expenses were even
23
  properly expenses of the Arby's stores
24
```

as opposed to expenses of some different

```
1
   enterprise?
 2
               No, I don't remember
   anything like that.
 3
 4
               Did you personally withdraw
 5
   any funds from the management account
   for United Management Services or Bagga
 6
 7
   Enterprises?
 8
               What do you mean?
               Did you ever withdraw any
 9
   funds from one of those entities for any
10
  purpose other than paying the bills of
1.1
12
   the Arby's stores?
13
         Α.
              No. I had to loan -- like
   sometimes if the money was short, I
14
15
  would put money in and I would take it
   out when the money was there.
                                   But there
16
  were times United was short, I had to
17
18
  put money in.
              When you say you had to put
19
  money in, do you mean personal money?
20
21
         Α.
               Yes.
22
            When you put personal money
         Q.
   in, how would that infusion of money be
23
```

reflected on the books and records of

```
1
   the company?
 2
          Α.
                It would come under
                                      loans.
 3
                So if you gave $100 to
          Q.
 4
   United Management Services, it would be
 5
   recorded as a loan, and when you took it
 6
   back, it would be repayment of the loan?
 7
          Α.
                Yes, loan and exchange,
 8
   yes.
 9
         Q .
                Did that happen?
10
         Α.
                Sometimes, yes.
11
         Q.
                When that happened, what
12
   would the bookkeeping entry literally
13
   say in the company, do you recall?
14
         Α.
                It would say deposit and it
15
   would say a loan.
16
                Is there any other
         Q.
   situation in which you withdrew money
17
   from United Management or Bagga
18
   Enterprises other than to repay a loan
19
20
   that had been made?
21
         Α.
               No, I didn't.
22
         Q.
               Was there any occasion on
23
   which the transaction worked the other
24
   way around, initially you borrowed money
```

```
1
   from the company and then repaid?
 2
         Α.
               No.
 3
               To your knowledge did
 4
   anyone else ever borrow money from
 5
   United Management or Bagga Enterprises?
 6
               I don't remember, no.
         Α.
 7
               Do you personally have any
 8
   interest in any of the Arby's
   franchises?
 9
10
         Α.
               No.
11
             Do you from time to time
12
   speak to the the operators of the Arby's
   franchises, the people who work in the
13
14
   stores?
15
               Not really, no.
16
               Do you go around to visit
         Q.
17
   the stores at times?
18
            No, unless I'm in the area
19
      I need lunch. In other words -- I
20
   have to eat a sandwich, get a free
21
   sandwich sometimes.
22
         Q.
               So it's not part of your
23
  normal routine or responsibilities to
24
   visit the stores and talk with the
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```
personnel that work there?
 1
 2
         Α.
                No, no.
 3
                And am I correct that you
         Q.
 4
   don't perform any function in connection
 5
   with overseeing or supervising the
   literal day-to-day management of those
 6
 7
   stores?
 8
                Yes, you are right.
 9
               Have you ever had any
         Q.
10
   discussions with anybody about the
   equipment in those stores?
11
12
         Α.
               No.
               Have you ever performed any
13
14
   function for any of the Bagga family
15
   enterprises connected to Arby's in
16
   connection with equipment from one store
17
   to another?
18
         Α.
               No.
19
               Have you ever written any
         Q.
20
   checks on any of the Bagga family
21
   enterprises for the purpose of paying
22
   somebody else to move equipment from one
23
   store to
            another?
```

No. I don't remember

24

Α.

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1 anything like that.
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- Q. Have you ever paid or

  authorized the payment of cash to any

  truckers or Teamsters for the purpose of

  moving equipment from one store to

  another or to another location?
- 7 A. I don't remember doing 8 anything like that.
- 9 Q. Now, I want to give you a
  10 list of locations and I want you to tell
  11 me, if you can, whether the Bagga family
  12 enterprises has any ownership interest
  13 in the Arby's stores in these locations,
  14 if there are.
- MS. BASKIN: Clarify for me

  16 what the "Bagga family enterprises"

  17 are.
- MR. HERMANN: Again, we're

  19 talking about Arby's operations in

  20 Pennsylvania or Texas in which the Bagga

  21 family has directly or indirectly some

  22 ownership interest.
- MS. BASKIN: The "Bagga 24 family" meaning who?

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MR. HERMANN: Meaning the
 1
 2
   witness, meaning Paul Bagga.
 3
               MS. BASKIN: I missed the
   first name. The witness?
 4
 5
               MR. HERMANN: Meaning
 6
   Mrs. Baqqa.
 7
               MS. BASKIN: Oh, okay.
               THE WITNESS: I don't
 8
   understand. In Arby's?
 9
10
   BY MR. HERMANN:
         Q. I'm just going to give you
11
   locations and ask you if your family,
12
   meaning you or your husband, still has
13
   an ownership interest in the Arby's in
14
15
   these locations; okay?
16
               Kutztown?
17
               Are you talking about
         Α.
   Arby's -- I don't understand the
18
19
   question.
               MS. BASKIN: I don't
20
21
  understand the question, either.
22
  BY MR. HERMANN:
23
           I want to give you some
         Q.
24
  locations in Pennsylvania and in
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                                              13
  Texas --
             Yes.
         Α.
                -- which either now or at
         Q .
3
  some point in the past had an Arby's
4
  store located and then ask you whether
5
  the family enterprises, your husband and
  you, still have an ownership interest in
7
  those stores.
8
                The first one I was going to
9
   say was --
10
                MS. BASKIN: He is going to
11
   give you the location and you will see
12
   whether you or your husband have an
13
   ownership interest in that location.
14
   BY MR. HERMANN:
15
                Are you with me? Kutztown,
          Q.
16
   Pennsylvania.
17
          Α.
                Yes.
18
                Pine Grove, Pennsylvania.
          Q.
                Yes.
          Α.
                Greencastle?
          Q.
```

- 19
- 20

- 21
- Α. Yes. 22
- Reading, Pennsylvania? Q. 23
- Α. Yes. 24

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13
 1
          Q.
                 Wind Gap, Pennsylvania?
 2
          Α.
                 Yes.
 3
                 Pawley (sic), Pennsylvania?
          Q.
 4
          Α.
                 Yes.
 5
                 Scranton, Pennsylvania?
          Q.
 6
          Α.
                 Yes.
 7
          Q.
                 Kingston, Pennsylvania?
 8
          A .
                 Yes.
 9
          Q.
                 Eynon, E-Y-N-O-N,
10
   Pennsylvania?
11
          Α.
                 Eynon, yes.
12
          Q.
                 Great Bend, Pennsylvania?
13
          Α.
                 Yes.
14
          Q.
                 Sinking Spring,
   Pennsylvania?
15
16
          Α.
                 Yes.
17
                Wilkes-Barre?
          Q.
18
                 Wilkes-Barre?
          Α.
19
          Q.
                 Yes.
20
          Α.
                 Yes. Some of them
                                       are
21
   closed, the restaurants, so
22
          Q.
                 I'm not asking whether they
       open or closed. I'm talking about
23
   are
24
       they are owned by now.
   who
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If they are closed, they
1
  are not owned by anybody.
2
                             That's what is
               MS. BASKIN:
3
  confusing.
4
               THE WITNESS: I don't
5
  understand.
6
               MS. BASKIN: We can go on or
7
  off the record.
8
               Will you say whether Mr. and
9
  Mrs. Bagga personally? I mean because
10
  you have changed the definition of
11
  "Bagga family enterprises" a couple of
12
  times.
13
                   WITNESS: I don't own
               THE
14
  any of them, first of all.
15
               MS. BASKIN: That's what's
16
   confusing.
17
   BY MR. HERMANN:
18
               But you recognize all of
19
   these store names; right? These are the
20
   ones which are managed by United
21
   Management and then Bagga Enterprises?
22
               But they are not owned by
23
   the Bagga family, that's what I'm
24
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1 saying --
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- MS. BASKIN: Because you
- 3 changed the definition so many times.
- THE WITNESS: -- that's why
- 5 I'm confused.
- 6 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 7 Q. Well, do you want me to go
- 8 through them and ask you in each case
- 9 who owns -- you know, I will be happy to
- 10 do that.
- MS. BASKIN: Is that what
- 12 | you want to know? She will answer the
- 13 question you want to know; it is just
- 14 that your definition has changed
- 15 somewhat over the last couple of hours
- 16 and that's what is confusing.
- MR. HERMANN: Well, I'm
- 18 trying to simplify it. I understand
- 19 they're not personally owned by them,
- 20 but entities in which they own or
- 21 control a majority interest, if that
- 22 will make it clearer.
- THE WITNESS: First of all,
- 24 I don't own any of the Arby's. I have

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nothing to do with them; okay?
                                    So when
 1
   you say "Bagga family," I don't know
 2
   what you mean. Arby's are owned by Paul
   Bagga; I have nothing to do with them.
 4
   And some of them are closed, so nobody
 5
   owns them.
 6
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
           Of the ones that I have
 8
         Q.
 9
   listed for you, they are all owned by
10
   Paul Bagga or they are closed; right?
11
               Arby's operations, yes.
         Α.
             Which ones are the ones I
12
13
   have already asked you about that are
14
   closed?
15
            I don't know the exact
16
   location. I know some of them were
17
   closed. But offhand of all the names,
18
  would be not be able to say which
19
  because it was something I have never
20
  visited; I have no idea where they are.
21
              But you know some of the
22
  ones I have mentioned to you are closed
23
   and used to be owned by Paul Bagga?
24
         Α.
               Yes.
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1
               And the rest are owned by
          Q.
 2
         Bagga; right?
   Paul
 3
          Α.
                Yes.
 4
          Q.
                How about Pittston?
 5
          Α.
                Pittston, yes.
 6
          Q.
                And Wyoming Valley?
 7
          Α.
                Yes.
 8
          Q.
                Erdenheim?
 9
          Α.
                What?
10
          Q .
                Erdenheim.
11
          Α.
                Erdenheim? What's that?
12
                MS. BASKIN: That's what he
13
   said.
14
                THE WITNESS: There's no
15
   Arby's in Erdenheim. I don't know. I
16
   don't know of any. Maybe it's some
17
   sometimes they say it is like in a
18
   different county or something.
19
     MR. HERMANN:
20
                Harlingen, Texas?
         Q.
21
         Α.
                Yes.
22
         Q.
                Brownsville, Texas?
23
         Α.
                Yes.
24
         Q .
                Mission, Texas?
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1
           Α.
                  Yes.
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- Are there any locations, to 2 Q. knowledge, other than the ones I 3 your have just mentioned to you, in which 4 Bagga owns or did own an Arby's? 5 Paul MS. BASKIN: Your question
- 6
- 7 is Paul Bagga personally?
- MR. HERMANN: No; in the 8 same sense of either direct or indirect 9 10 ownership.
- THE WITNESS: I think you 11
- have all of them. See, I don't 12
- recognize them by names and some of the 13
- places I don't know. I have never been 14
- 15 to these places, so....
- 16 MR. HERMANN: BY
- You have never been paid by 17 Q. any of these store locations; right? 18
- 19 Α. No.
- 20 Of the ones that are Q.
- closed, do you know why they are closed? 21
- 22 I just know they were Α.
- 23 closed.
- Now, you mentioned before 24 Q.

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14
  the regional manager, Mr. Pittack. Does
1
  he manage all of these stores?
2
               Yes, I think so.
3
         Α.
               Including the ones
         Q.
4
  Texas?
5
               Yes. I'm not sure if he
6
  goes -- which stores he goes to or how
7
  he manages them or --
               Are there any other
9
  regional managers who manage any other
10
  stores?
11
               I don't know. I'm not
12
  involved in the operations.
13
               Is there anybody else that
14
  you know of who works in the office
15
  building that you do whose job is to
1.6
  manage on a day-to-day basis or oversee
17
   the management of those Arby store
18
19
   locations?
               I don't know.
20
         Α.
               Who does Mr. Pittack report
21
         Q .
22
   to?
              Paul Bagga.
23
         Α.
               Anybody else?
24
         Q.
```

```
I don't know.
         Α.
 1
                Do you have computers in
 2
         Q.
   the office building in Bethlehem Pike?
 3
 4
         Α.
                Yes.
 5
                Are they networked in some
         Q.
 6
   way?
 7
         Α.
            What do you mean
   "networked"?
 8
               Are they completely stand-
 9
   alone computers or is there some central
10
   system which links them together?
11
                I don't know how that
12
         Α.
   works.
13
             Do you, yourself, use a
14
         Q.
15
   computer?
16
               Not really.
         Α.
                When you are in the office,
17
         Q.
   do you use it for any purpose?
18
                Just for AOL, just to use
19
         Α.
20
   personal.
                Not for e-mail or for
21
         Q .
22
   business purposes?
23
         Α.
                Not for Arby's, no.
                In connection with the
24
         Q.
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```
14
 1
   clothing business?
 2
          Α.
                Yes.
 3
          Q.
                Do you use that computer in
   your office for that purpose?
 4
 5
          Α.
                Sometimes.
                Do you have a home office?
 6
          Q.
 7
          Α...
                I have a computer at home.
                Do you use it for business
 8
          Q.
 9
   purposes?
10
         Α.
                What business?
11
                Any business you are
          Q.
12
   involved in, either Bagga Enterprises
13
   the clothing business or any other
14
   business.
15
                Nothing for Arby's, no.
16
                Do you receive any
17
   financial reports? Do you periodically
18
   receive any financial reports in
19
   connection with the business of any of
20
   the companies that I just asked you
21
   about in connection with the Bagga
22
   family business?
23
         Α.
                No.
24
                In the past year have you
         Q.
```

```
1
   observed anyone move any computer
 2
   equipment from the Bethlehem Pike
   office?
 3
 4
         Α.
                No.
 5
         Q.
                Have you had any
   conversations with anybody about their
 6
   removing any computer equipment from the
 7
 8
   office?
 9
         Α.
               No.
10
               Have any of the computers
         Q.
11
   in the Bethlehem Pike office been sold
12
   within the last year, as far
                                  as you
13
   know?
14
         Α.
                I don't know of any.
15
               Have you written or
16
   authorized any checks or paid or
17
   authorized the paying of any cash in
18
   connection with the moving of any
19
   computer equipment from the Bethlehem
   Pike office within the past year?
20
21
         Α.
               No.
22
               Has anyone said to you
         Q.
23
  within the past year that they believe
24
  that computer equipment or computer
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files have been moved from the Bethlehem
1
  Pike office?
2
              No, I don't remember
3
  anything like that, no.
4
              Does Bagga Enterprises and
5
  United Management and Welcome Group and
6
  all of the companies that I have asked
7
  you about store records from their
  computers on the premises at Bethlehem
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- What do you mean? What Α. 11 records? 12
- Disks, CDs, paper. Q. 13

Pike?

10

20

21

22

23

- I don't know that, no. I Α. 14 don't know what they do, how they store 15 it. 16
- Q. Who would be in charge of 17 storage of records for that office on 18 Bethlehem Pike? 19
  - I don't know that: Paul would know that. I don't know it.
  - Q. Have you ever in walking through the office noticed areas where files were stored?

```
1
         Α.
               No.
               When you want to file
2
         Q.
  something, what do you do with it?
3
               I have a filing cabinet.
4
               If you want to file a piece
5
      paper, you would take it over to the
6
7
   filing cabinet?
         Α.
               Yes.
8
               Are files ever moved from
9
   the filing cabinet to someplace else?
10
11
         Α.
               No.
               Do you know whether the
12
   office has any backup storage of
13
   computer tapes or CDs?
14
                I don't remember.
15
               How many computers
16
         Q .
            the office on Bethlehem Pike?
17
   there in
               Four, five.
18
               Do you know whether the
19
   companies, any of the companies we have
20
  been talking about, have purchased any
21
   specialized software in connection with
22
23
   those computers?
24
                I don't know.
         Α.
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Are you familiar with the
        Q.
1
  point-of-sale cash registers that are
2
  used in the Arby's stores?
3
               No, I'm not familiar.
4
               Did you ever talk to
         Q.
5
  anybody about how they work?
6
               No.
         Α.
7
               Did you ever hear of a
8
  company called P-A-R, Par Financing
9
  Corp. in Syracuse, New York?
10
               It's -- I think it is a
11
  company from the -- that lease the
12
   registers for the Arby's, some of the
13
   Arby's.
14
               Have you ever had
15
   discussions with anybody from Par about
16
   the money that was owed to them in
17
   connection with those leases?
18
               I haven't talked to
19
         Α.
   anybody, no.
20
            Does each store have one of
21
   those point-of-sale cash registers?
22
             Every store has a
23
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register. I don't know whether it is

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1 all point-of-sale or what kind of 2 registers they have.
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- Q. Do you know whether Arby's requires a certain kind of point-of-sale computer cash register?
- A. I don't know.

No.

Α.

- 7 Q. Are you aware of any
  8 differences between the system that
  9 Arby's uses for these point-of-sale cash
  10 registers and what other franchises use?
- Q. I asked you before whether
  you had ever testified. Have you ever
  been sued personally?
- 15 A. I don't remember being 16 sued, no.
- Q. As far as you can recall,
  has any entity in which you had an
  ownership interest, direct or indirect,
  ever been sued?
- 21 A. I don't remember.
- 22 Q. So I take it you wouldn't
  23 remember whether any judgement has been
  24 entered against you in connection with

```
14
  any lawsuit?
1
               Yes; I don't remember.
2
               Have you ever made any
         0.
3
  assignment for the benefit of creditors?
4
               What is that?
         Α.
5
               An assignment of anything
         Q .
6
  of value that you own, an interest that
7
  you had for the benefit of creditors
8
  connection with a financial dispute.
9
               I don't understand. What
10
   is it?
11
              Have you ever assigned
12
         Q.
  property or assets that you had to
13
   creditors in order to satisfy them?
14
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
15
   object and instruct her not to answer.
16
      MR. HERMANN:
17
            Have you or any entity in
18
   which you had an interest ever had any
19
   involvement, direct or indirect, in a
20
   bankruptcy proceeding apart from the
21
   proceeding that's now pending involving
22
   Welcome Group?
23
               Can you repeat the
```

Α.

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15
  question?
1
            Have you had any
2
  involvement in any bankruptcy
3
  proceedings?
4
               MS. BASKIN: Except for
5
               MR. HERMANN: Except for the
6
  present one.
                              -- Welcome
               MS. BASKIN:
8
  Group.
9
                    HERMANN: Yes.
               MR.
10
                    WITNESS: I don't
                THE
11
  remember that. I don't know.
12
   BY MR. HERMANN:
13
                   have never declared
                You
         Q.
14
   personal bankruptcy; is that correct?
                Yes; I have not.
         Α.
16
                As far as you know, your
         Q.
17
   husband has never declared personal
18
   bankruptcy?
19
               Yes; he has not, as far as
          Α.
20
   I know.
21
                Did you ever hear of
          Q.
22
   company called Brandt Trade,
23
   B-R-A-N-D-T, Trade?
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money that they thought was owed to

```
1
   them?
 2
               MS. BASKIN: By?
 3
               MR. HERMANN: By any entity
 4
   with which she had anything to do.
               MS. BASKIN: Well, I will
 5
 6
   object and instruct her not to answer
 7
   unless it has to do with one of these
 8
   four defendants.
 9
   BY MR. HERMANN:
10
               What does Brandt Trade do?
         Q .
   You said it is in the clothing business.
11
12
   Can you be more specific?
13
         Α.
                It's involved in trading
14
   clothing, name-brand products.
15
               To whom does it trade?
         Q.
16
         Α.
               Different companies.
17
               Where does it trade?
         Q.
18
         Α.
               It trades over here in U.S.
19
   and overseas.
20
               Does it ship American
         Q.
21
  products overseas?
22
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
23
  object and instruct her not to answer
```

four

unless it has to do with these

```
defendants.
1
  BY MR. HERMANN:
2
               Is the Brandt of Brandt
3
  Trade any connection to the partner of
4
  Mr. Lipski of Lipski & Brandt?
5
               What?
         Α.
6
               Is the Brandt of Brandt
7
  Trade connected to the Brandt of the
8
  Lipski & Brandt law firm?
9
               I don't know.
10
         Α.
               Did you personally have any
11
  dealings with Brandt Trade in connection
12
  with your clothing business?
13
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
14
  object and instruct her not to answer.
15
   BY MR. HERMANN:
16
               Did Brandt Trade have
17
         Ο.
   anything to do with World Apparel or
18
   American Merchandising?
19
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
20
   object and instruct her not to answer
21
   unless it has do with the four
22
   defendants.
23
```

BY MR. HERMANN:

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Have you ever heard of a
1
         Q.
   company called HB Properties?
2
               I'm sorry? I couldn't hear
3
         Α.
 4
   you.
               MR. HERMANN: Why don't we
 5
 6
   just stop.
               (Luncheon recess from 1:00
7
8
   p.m. to 1:38 p.m.)
               MR. HERMANN: What we're
9
  proposing to do is call the Court now to
10
   see if the Court is available to give us
11
   a ruling on the issues that we have been
12
   going back and forth about here. So I
13
   just wanted to ask you if you want to
14
   come with us, and we can call from here
15
16
   or from the other room.
               MS. BASKIN: Sure.
17
               MR. TABAS: We can call from
18
   the other room. It might be easier.
19
               MS. BURKE: Let's do that.
20
21
               (Recess.)
               MR. HERMANN: Just for the
22
  record, we tried to reach the chambers
23
24
  of Judge Reed. We got an answering
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15
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machine, so we may try later on again.
1
               (The video record started.)
2
               THE VIDEOTAPE SPECIALIST:
3
  We're on the record. The time is
  1:41 p.m. on June 17, 2003.
5
     MR. HERMANN:
               When we broke, Mrs. Bagga,
         0.
7
                     about HB Properties and
  I was asking you
8
  whether you know what HB Properties is.
9
                     HB Properties is?
  Do you know what
10
               Yes.
         Α.
11
                     is it?
               What
         Q.
12
               It's a company, a real
         Α.
13
  estate company. It's owned by H. B.
14
   Chawla.
15
               Now, is that the same
         Q.
16
   Mr. Chawla you mentioned before?
17
                It's his father.
         Α.
18
               What does HB do, HB
19
         Q.
   Properties do, when you say it is a
                                          real
20
   estate company?
21
                They own and manage the
22
         Α.
   real estate.
23
                   the Philadelphia area?
                In
24
         Q.
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15:
               Yes.
         Α.
1
               Did you ever do any work
2
         Q.
3
  for them?
               No.
4
         Α.
               Do you know who currently
5
         Q.
       that company?
6
               HB is HB Chawla. I think
7
         Α.
            of his sons runs that.
       one
8
               Is Ravi Chawla one of his
9
         Q.
   sons?
10
               Yes.
11
         Α.
               Does he run the company
12
         Q.
13
  now?
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
14
   object and instruct the witness not to
15
   answer unless you can show it is related
16
   to one of the four defendants.
17
               MR. HERMANN: So the record
18
   is clear, I mean I haven't been
19
   responding to each one of those
20
   directions not to answer. We feel each
21
   one of the directions not to answer is
22
   inappropriate, that the issue of
23
   relevance is for the Court, and that the
24
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only appropriate objection is an
1
  objection as to form, which is the issue
2
  that we will raise with Judge Reed at
3
  the appropriate time. Since I haven't
  said that on the record, I might as well
5
  put that on the record now.
               MS. BASKIN: Understood.
7
  BY MR. HERMANN:
8
               Have you had any dealings
9
  yourself with HB Properties?
10
               For what?
11
         Α.
               For any purpose.
12
            I don't understand. What
13
         Α.
  kind of dealings?
14
               Have you ever had any
15
  dealings between any company you were
16
  working for or representing and HB
17
18
  Properties?
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MS. BASKIN: I'm going to object and instruct her that she can answer only if it relates to Bagga, Jamuna, United Management, or Welcome Group.

19

20

21

22

23

24

THE WITNESS: I think one of

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these companies, they might have
1
  borrowed money from HB Properties.
2
  BY MR. HERMANN:
              What makes you think that?
        Q.
4
               That's what I think, might
        Α.
5
  have borrowed money from them.
              Did anyone representing HB
         Q .
7
  Properties ever tell you that?
8
               No.
Q)
         Α.
               Did you ever see any pieces
         Q .
10
  of paper that evidenced that borrowing?
11
               I don't remember exactly,
12
  but I think that some money was borrowed
13
  from HB Properties to run Welcome Group
14
  or one of the companies. I don't
15
  remember exactly what, but....
16
               Do you remember how long
17
   ago that was when you learned that
18
   information?
19
            It probably would be in the
20
   last two years maybe.
21
            Do you know which of the
22
   entities you just mentioned borrowed the
23
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money from HB Properties?

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I don't remember that, no.
        Α.
1
               Did you ever discuss that
2
        Q.
  borrowing with any of the Chawlas?
3
               One of the Chawlas had to
        Α.
4
  get me the money from HB Properties.
5
               Who negotiated that loan
        Q .
6
  with the Chawlas on behalf of the
7
  borrower?
         A. What do you mean
9
  "negotiated"?
10
               Who made arrangements for
11
  that loan to be made by HB Properties to
12
  one of the Arby's-related entities?
13
            Probably Paul did.
14
         Α.
               Do you know that or are you
15
         Q.
16
  quessing?
           I'm guessing.
         Α.
17
              Well, what is it that makes
         Q.
18
      think such a loan was made if you
19
   don't have any information about it?
20
               I think we borrowed some
         Α.
21
  money from HB Properties. That's what
22
   -- as best I can remember.
23
               And --
         Q.
24
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I'm not sure, but I think
 1
 2
   there was money borrowed from them.
 3
               Do you know how much money
   was borrowed from them?
 4
 5
         A. I don't know the amount,
 6
   no.
 7
         Q. Do you know what the rate
 8
   of interest was?
 9
         Α.
               No.
10
         Q.
            Do you know what the terms
11
   of repayment were?
12
               No.
         Α.
               Do you know whether the
13
         Q .
14
   money was repaid already?
15
               No, it's not been repaid.
         Α.
16
               Did you personally
         Q .
   quarantee that loan?
17
18
               I don't remember.
               Well, if you had quaranteed
19
         Q .
   the loan, would you remember?
20
21
               MS. BASKIN: Her testimony
22
  is that she doesn't remember.
23
               MR. HERMANN: I'm just
  trying to find out why the witness
24
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doesn't remember, whether it is because
 1
 2
   she has quaranteed so many loans or it
 3
   is not the kind of thing she would
   remember.
 4
 5
               THE WITNESS: I don't know
 6
   if I signed some paper. I don't
 7
   remember whether I just sign to get a
 8
   check or there was a guarantee or
 9
   something. I don't remember that.
10
   BY MR. HERMANN:
11
           Do you recall signing some
         Q.
12
   paper in connection with that loan?
13
         Α.
               I don't remember.
14
               Do you remember seeing any
         Ω.
15
   document which showed that the borrowed
16
   funds had come into one of the companies
17
   you work with, a wire transfer or
18
   something of that sort?
19
           I think there was a deposit
20
   in one of the companies.
21
           To the best of your
22
  recollection, when was that deposit
23
  made?
24
         Α.
               Last few months. It could
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have been a year. I don't remember.
 1
 2
               Was it recorded on the
         Q.
 3
   books of any of the companies we have
   been discussing as a loan?
 4
            I don't know.
 5
         Α.
            Did you ever discuss the
 6
   repayment of this loan with Ravi Chawla?
 7
 8
         Α.
               No.
 9
               Did you ever hear of Sant
10
   Properties, S-A-N-T?
11
         Α.
               Yes.
            What is that?
12
         Ο.
            It's a company owned by one
13
         Α.
   of the Chawlas.
14
15
            And do you know what it
         Q.
16
   does?
17
         A. It owns real estate,
18
   manages real estate.
19
               And have you or any entity
         Q .
  for which you ever worked or associated
20
21
   ever done any business with Sant
22
   Properties?
23
         A. We borrowed money from Sant
```

24

Properties.

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1
               Who borrowed money from
         Q .
 2
   Sant Properties?
 3
                One of the companies.
 4
         Q .
                And this is separate and
 5
   apart from borrowing money from HP
 6
   Properties; right?
 7
         Α.
               Yes.
 8
               When did that borrowing
         Q.
 9
   occur?
10
         Α.
               Probably in about the last
11
   year, year and a half.
12
         Q .
               Who are the owners of Sant
13
   Properties?
14
         Α.
            I don't know exactly who is
15
   owner.
16
         Q.
               Do you know anybody who is
17
   an owner of
               Sant Properties?
18
                I don't know if it's owned
         Α.
19
   by a trial store or it's owned by
   individuals. I don't know exactly what
20
21
   the ownership is.
22
               THE COURT REPORTER: "I
23
  don't know if it's owned by a" --
24
               THE
                    WITNESS: A trial store.
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16.
                    COURT REPORTER: A trial
                THE
1
2
  store?
                    WITNESS: I don't know
                THE
3
  the exact ownership structure.
4
  BY MR. HERMANN:
5
                Did you ever talk to
6
  anybody from Sant Properties?
7
                For what?
8
                For any purpose. Did you
         Q .
9
  ever talk to anybody who you knew to be
10
   a representative of Sant Properties?
11
                Yes.
         Α.
12
                Who was that?
13
          Q.
                It's Chawlas.
14
          Α.
                Which Chawla?
          Q.
15
                Hardeep Chawla.
16
          Α.
                How do you spell that?
          Q.
17
                H - A - R - D - E - E - P.
18
          Α.
                Is Hardeep Chawla related
19
          Q.
   to Ravi Chawla?
20
                Yes.
          Α.
21
                What is the relationship?
22
          Q.
                They are brothers.
23
          Α.
                Do you understand anything
          Q.
24
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16
  about who the officers or employees are
1
  of Sant Properties?
2
               No.
         Α.
3
               Do you know what position
         Q.
4
  Hardeep Chawla had in that company?
5
               No.
         Α.
6
             Did anyone ever tell you
7
  whether Ravi had an ownership interest
8
  in that as well?
9
         A. Can you repeat that? What
10
   did you say?
11
               MR. HERMANN: Can you read
12
   it back.
13
               (The court reporter read the
14
   record as follows:
15
               "QUESTION: Did anyone ever
16
   tell you whether Ravi had an ownership
1.7
   interest in that as well?")
18
               THE WITNESS: No.
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
20
            Who on behalf of the
         Q .
21
   companies that you represented
22
   negotiated a loan from Sant Properties?
23
                I think it must have been
```

Α.

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1
  Paul.
 2
         Q. Did you, yourself, take
   part in any of those discussions leading
 3
   up to the borrowing?
 5
         Α.
               No.
 6
         Q. Did you ever see any
 7
   documents that evidence that borrowing?
           Documents for what?
8
 9
               That showed what the terms
         Q .
10
   of the borrowing were.
11
         Α.
               No.
12
         Q.
              Do you --
13
              I don't remember, no.
         Α.
14
         Q. Do you know whether there
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- 15 is a piece of paper that reflects that 16 loan?
- 17 A. I don't know. I think 18 there is. I'm not sure.
- 19 Q. Do you know to what company 20 that loan was made or companies?
- 21 I don't remember exactly 22 which company the loan was made to.
- 23 Do you know what the amount Q . 24 of the loan was?

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Different amounts. It is
 1
   taken at different times, so I don't
2
   know what --
 3
              How many different times
 4
   were loans made by Sant Properties?
 5
               I don't know if like Sant
 6
   Properties or HB Properties, how many
7
   times or what were amounts. I can't
8
   recollect that.
9
         Q. Where would there be a
10
  record in the books and records of
11
  Management or Welcome Group or Bagga
12
  Enterprises of the amount of the
13
  outstanding loans to Sant Properties and
14
   HB Properties?
15
            I guess it would show up in
16
         Α.
   the balance sheet.
17
            Have you ever seen that
18
         Q.
           the balance sheet?
19
   shown on
20
         Α.
               No.
               And to your understanding
21
         Q.
  these advances were loans and not equity
22
  investments; is that correct?
23
               Yes, they were loans.
24
         Α.
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                                               16
                Do you know what the total
         Q.
1
  amount of the Sant Properties loans made
2
  at various times was?
3
                No.
         Α.
4
             Has that -- have those
         Q .
5
  loans been repaid?
6
                As far as I know, no, they
         Α.
7
  have not been repaid.
8
                Do you know whether any
9
   efforts have been made by Sant
10
   Properties to obtain repayment of the
11
   loans it made?
12
                No, I don't.
          Α.
13
                Do you know whether any
          Q.
14
   efforts were made by HB Properties to
15
   obtain repayment of the loans it had
16
   made?
17
                No, I don't.
          Α.
18
                 Did you ever hear of a
19
   company called KPE? KPE.
20
                 Just KPE?
          Α.
21
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ECOULDE DEPOSITION SERVICES

(Witness shakes head.)

You are not familiar with

Yes.

Q.

Α.

Q.

22

23

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A. I think he works in the
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- 2 same office.
- Q. Is he Norm Cahan's brother?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. You have never spoken to
- 6 him?
- 7 A. I might have.
- 8 Q. Have you ever met him, as
- 9 far as you know?
- 10 A. I don't know. I might have
- 11 met him in Norman's office. I don't
- 12 know. I don't remember.
- 13 Q. Have you from time to time
- 14 gone to Norman Cahan's office?
- 15 A. I have gone there a couple
- 16 of times, yes.
- 17 Q. Have those visits been in
- 18 connection with your personal finances
- 19 or your business finances?
- 20 A. I have just been there to
- 21 drop off or to pick up something for the
- 22 office.
- Q. Have you ever gone there to
- 24 discuss accounting issues with him?

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1
                I don't remember that, no.
          A .
 2
          Q.
                Have you in fact ever
 3
   discussed accounting issues with him?
 4
          Α.
                With who?
 5
          Q .
                Norman Cahan.
                No, not really.
 6
          Α.
 7
          Q.
                Have you ever been at any
 8
   meetings in which he was present at
   which accounting issues were discussed?
 9
10
               Yes, I have been.
                                     I think
11
   some meeting I might have been there,
12
   yes.
13
                Is it one meeting or more
         Q .
14
   than one meeting?
15
         Α.
               More than one, yes.
16
         Q .
                And did those meetings take
17
   place at your office or at his or some
18
   other place?
19
         Α.
               Our office.
20
         Q.
               Approximately how many such
21
  meetings did you attend?
22
         Α.
               I didn't attend any
23
  meetings. Sometimes he came to the
  office. I didn't attend the meeting.
24
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Q. So is it your testimony he
1
  came to the office and talked to you and
2
  other people but they were not formal
3
4
  meetings?
        A. Well, he had a meeting with
5
  Paul , basically. I'm not a part of the
6
7
  meetings.
        Q. On those occasions when he
8
  came to your office and talked with Paul
9
  or somebody else, did you ever talk to
10
  him other than to say hello and how are
11
  you and things like that?
12
           No, not really.
13
              When did you first meet
14
         Q.
15
  Norman Cahan?
           A few years ago.
16
         Α.
              What do you mean by "a
17
         Q.
  few"? Five years ago? Ten years ago?
18
         A. Six, seven years ago
19
  maybe. I don't know the exact time that
20
21
  I met him, no.
         Q. Have you ever heard Norman
22
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Cahan discuss anything related to the

strategy for paying off some of the

23

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17.
  debts of the Bagga-related companies?
1
               No.
2
         Α.
               Did you ever discuss any
3
         0.
  business deals with Norman Cahan or were
  you ever present at any meetings in
5
  which that was discussed?
6
              What kind of business
         Α.
7
  deals?
8
           Possible new business deals
9
         Ο.
  for you or your husband or both.
10
               I don't understand. What
11
  business?
12
               Well, you and your husband
13
         Q .
  have been involved in numerous business
14
  ventures; am I correct?
15
               Yes.
16
         Α.
            Have you ever been present
17
         Q.
      a meeting at which that was discussed
18
   with Norman Cahan either before an
19
   investment was made or after?
20
               I don't understand what --
         Α.
21
               What is it that you don't
22
         Q .
   understand?
23
                I don't understand the
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Α.

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meeting about business deals. What
1
  business deals?
2
               I'm asking you whether the
3
  subject of business deals was ever
4
  discussed in your presence with Norman
5
  Cahan.
6
              I don't remember.
7
         Α.
               Were you ever present at
8
         Q .
  any discussion in which the possibility
9
  that Norman Cahan would have a personal
10
  interest in some Bagga family business
11
  deal was discussed?
12
               Can you repeat that?
         Α.
1.3
               (The court reporter read the
14
  record as follows:
15
               "QUESTION: Were you ever
16
  present at any discussion in which the
17
   possibility that Norman Cahan would have
18
   a personal interest in some Bagga family
19
   business deal was discussed?")
20
               MS. BASKIN: Now what do you
21
   mean by "Bagga family business"?
22
               MR. HERMANN: I mean any
23
   transaction in which Paul Bagga or
24
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Mrs. Bagga would be involved, period.
1
              MS. BASKIN: I will object.
2
               And limit your response, if
3
  you have one, to any dealings regarding
4
  Bagga Enterprises, Jamuna, United, or
5
6
  Welcome Group.
7
               THE WITNESS: I don't
  remember anything.
8
  BY MR. HERMANN:
         Q. Were you ever present at
10
  any discussion in which your husband
11
  said in words or substance to Norm
12
  Cahan, "This is a venture or business
13
  that you should consider investing in"?
14
15
        Α.
               No.
         Q. To your knowledge does
16
  Norman Cahan have any investment
17
  interest in any of the businesses in
18
  which you and/or your husband have an
19
20
  interest?
21
         A. No, I don't.
              Did you ever sit down and
22
         Q .
  review documents with Norm Cahan of any
23
24
  sort?
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THE WITNESS: Oh, no.
1
     MR. HERMANN:
  BY
2
               Have you talked to him in
3
  the last couple of months?
4
               I don't remember.
5
  Probably. I don't know. I don't
6
  remember.
7
               Did you discuss with him at
8
  all the possibility that you were going
9
  to have to testify in this litigation?
10
               With Norman?
         Α.
11
               Yes.
         Q.
12
               No.
         Α.
13
             Do you know whether Norm
14
         Q.
   Cahan does any work for the Chawla
15
16
   family?
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
17
   instruct the witness not to answer.
18
   BY MR. HERMANN:
19
            Does Victor Lipski
20
   represent you personally?
21
                I think he represents Paul;
22
   he doesn't represent me.
23
                Do you know whether Victor
         Q.
24
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connection with something she needed
1
  to know regarding the business of those
2
  companies, who would you call?
               MS. BASKIN: If you were
4
  calling on behalf of one of these
5
  businesses, Bagga, Jamuna, United, or
  Welcome, which lawyer would you call?
7
               THE WITNESS: Oh. Yes, I
8
  would call Victor.
9
  BY MR. HERMANN:
10
               Have you ever met with him
11
  about business matters?
12
            I have met with Victor,
         Α.
13
14
   yes.
               Was that in relation to
15
         0.
   business matters?
16
               Yes.
17
         Α.
              On how many occasions in
         Q.
18
   recent years would you say you met with
19
   Victor Lipski to talk about business
20
   matters?
21
               How many times in what time
         Α.
22
   period?
23
                The last three years.
24
         Q.
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Last three years? I met
         Α.
1
      two or three times.
2
               And who was present at
3
  those meetings besides the two of you?
4
               Paul.
5
         Α.
               Anybody else?
         Q.
6
               No. I don't remember.
7
         Α.
               Who introduced you to
         Q.
8
  Victor Lipski?
9
         A. We have known the firm for
10
  a long time; but Phil Brandt, he was the
11
  attorney, and then Victor Lipski is his
12
  partner, so....
13
               Did you use both of those
14
   lawyers in connection with business
15
   dealings?
16
               Mostly Victor.
17
         Α.
               THE COURT REPORTER: Mostly
18
  Victor?
19
               THE WITNESS: Yes; sorry.
20
   BY MR. HERMANN:
21
            And Victor also represents
22
         Q.
   Mr. Chawla, Ravi Chawla?
23
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I don't know.

Α.

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1
         Q.
               To your knowledge does
 2
   either Mr. Lipski or Mr. Brandt have
                                           a n
 3
   equity interest in any of the Bagga
 4
   companies related to the Arby's
 5
   properties?
 6
         Α.
               No.
 7
               Has
                   either one, to your
 8
   knowledge, lent any money to those
 9
   properties or companies?
10
         Α.
                I don't know.
11
               MR. HERMANN: Can we just go
12
   off the record for a second?
13
                THE VIDEOTAPE SPECIALIST:
14
   Off the tape 2:09.
15
                (Recess.)
16
               THE VIDEOTAPE SPECIALIST:
   We're back on the record.
17
                                The time is
18
   2:21.
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
               Ms. Bagga, if I understood
20
21
  you correctly, you testified before that
22
   United Management Services manages the
23
   Arby's properties and other things, I
24
   think you mentioned. What other things
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Paul

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Α.
 1
                No.
                And when did that
 2
 3
   relationship end?
 4
                A couple of years ago.
 5
                As far as you know, does
         Q.
 6
   American Merchandise still exist?
 7
         Α.
                No.
 8
         Q.
                It doesn't exist anymore?
                I don't think so, no.
 9
         Α.
10
                How about World Apparel
         Q.
11
   Products; does that still exist?
12
                I don't think so.
13
                You mentioned before in
14
   connection with a loan transaction
15
   having a conversation with Hardeep
16
   Chawla.
17
               Uh-huh.
         Α.
18
                Am I pronouncing it
         Q.
   correctly? Hardeep Chawla. To the best
19
20
   of your recollection, what did you say
21
   to him and what did he say to you about
22
   that loan?
23
                I just picked up the check
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from him once. I talked to him.

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1
   said that we needed the money and he was
 2
   going to lend the money, so I talked to
 3
   him if I could get the money and he said
 4
   yes.
 5
         Q. So were you the person who
 6
   contacted Hardeep Chawla about that
 7
   loan?
 8
         A. I contacted him to get the
 9
   money.
10
            Had your husband contacted
         Q.
11
   Mr. Chawla before you?
12
         Α.
             Yes.
13
         Q.
               So was the loan already set
14
   by the time you contacted him?
15
         Α.
               Yes.
16
               And you just picked up the
         Q.
17
   check?
18
         Α.
               Yes. A couple of times
19
  picked up the check, yes.
20
         Ω.
               On those couple of
21
  occasions when you picked up the check,
22
   did you have any conversation with
23
  Mr. Chawla?
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Yes, I talked to him.

24

Α.

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1
          Q.
             Well, then, other than
 2
   hello, goodbye, and pleasantries, what
 3
   did you talk about?
 4
                Nothing, really.
 5
                Did you explain why the
          Q .
 6
   money was needed?
 7
          Α.
                No.
 8
          Q .
                Did he ask you to sign
 9
   anything when you got the checks?
10
                I don't remember, but I
          Α.
11
   think I signed something when I took the
12
   check.
13
               But you don't recall what
14
   it was you signed; is that correct?
15
         Α.
                I don't remember that, no.
16
                Where did you go to pick up
         Q.
17
   the check or checks?
18
         Α.
                At his office.
19
                And where is that?
         Q.
20
         Α.
                In Northeast Philadelphia.
21
         Q.
                Is there a company name on
22
   the door?
23
         Α.
                I don't remember that.
24
         Q.
                Does anybody else in his
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family work in that office?
 1
 2
         Α.
              His wife does.
            How many Chawla brothers
 3
   are there?
 4
 5
         Α.
              Four.
            And is Hardeep, Ravinder,
 6
         Q.
   G. T., and Jagit -- is that how it is
 7
   pronounced? Is he one of the brothers,
 8
   J - A - G - I - T?
           No. G. T. and Jagit are
10
11
   the same person.
            So who is the fourth?
12
         Q .
13
         Α.
               Dan.
14
         Q. And do they all work in the
   same office?
15
16
         Α.
            No.
17
         Q. How long have you known
18
   Ravi Chawla?
19
         A. 18 years.
            How did you meet him? How
20
         Q.
   did you meet him?
21
22
         A. My father-in-law was here
  and he knew Ravi's mom, so he wanted to
23
24
  meet his mom, so that's how we met.
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instruct the witness not to answer

MS. BASKIN: Object and

23

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18
  unless it is related to one of these
1
  four defendants.
2
  BY MR. HERMANN:
3
               Have you ever had lunch
         Q .
4
  with Mr. Chawla and discussed the
5
  Arby's-related businesses of the Bagga
  family?
7
             No.
         Α.
8
            Do you speak on the phone
9
         0.
  to Ravi Chawla from time to time?
10
               Yes.
11
         Α.
            Do you discuss business
12
         Q .
  matters with him?
13
             Sometimes.
14
            Approximately how
15
         Q .
  frequently do you speak to Mr. Chawla on
16
   the telephone?
17
               MS. BASKIN: I would object.
18
               And just limit it to your
19
   conversations related to these four
20
   defendants: Bagga, Jamuna, United, and
21
22
   Welcome.
               MR. HERMANN: Just so it is
23
   clear, I'm not accepting that
24
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1 limitation.
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- 2 But you can answer the
- 3 question as your counsel has limited it.
- 4 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 5 Q. The question, that is,
- 6 approximately how frequently do you
- 7 speak to Mr. Chawla on the phone about
- 8 business matters?
- 9 A. About business matters?
- 10 Not much, no.
- 11 Q. So most of your
- 12 conversations are about personal or
- 13 social matters?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. When you do discuss
- 16 business matters with Mr. Chawla, what
- 17 business matters do you discuss with
- 18 | him?
- 19 A. Anything. I mean....
- 20 Q. Have you discussed the cash
- 21 flow problems of the Arby's businesses?
- 22 A. Yes, sometimes.
- Q. Have you ever sought his
- 24 advice about those problems?

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1 A. No.
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- Q. Has he ever given you
- 3 unsolicited advice about those problems?
- 4 A. No.
- Q. Well, can you think of some
- 6 examples of business problems that you
- 7 have discussed with him in connection
- 8 with the Arby's franchises?
- 9 A. I don't remember anything
- 10 about Arby's problems talking to him
- 11 about.
- 12 Q. You don't remember
- 13 discussing anything with him in
- 14 connection with the Arby's properties;
- 15 is that correct?
- 16 A. Yes; I don't remember.
- 17 Q. Has he ever given you any
- 18 financial advice in connection with
- 19 those businesses?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Now, Mr. Chawla is a real
- 22 estate developer in Philadelphia, among
- 23 other things, isn't he?
- 24 A. Yes.

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Is your husband doing a
 1
         Q.
 2
   real estate deal with him now involving
 3
   an office building in Philadelphia?
 4
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
 5
   instruct you not to answer unless it
 6
   relates to these four entities.
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 8
         Q. Did you ever work for a
   company that Ravi Chawla owned in whole
 9
10
   or in part?
11
         Α.
               Yes.
12
         Q.
               What company was that?
13
         Α.
               World Apparel.
14
         Q.
               And you said that World
15
   Apparel doesn't exist anymore; is that
16
   correct?
17
         Α.
               Yes.
18
         Q.
               When it did exist, what did
19
   it do?
20
         Α.
               It was in the clothing
21
  business.
22
         Q. Can you be more specific
23
   about what it did?
24
         A .
               It had stores at one time
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1 when they were in the distribution
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- 2 business.
- 3 Q. Stores in the United
- 4 States?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. In Philadelphia?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. What were those stores
- 9 called?
- 10 A. Sunshine Blues.
- 11 Q. And did World Apparel
- 12 Products also engage in export of
- 13 clothing?
- MS. BASKIN: Object and
- 15 instruct the witness not to answer
- 16 unless it is related to one of these
- 17 four defendants.
- MR. HERMANN: How am I
- 19 supposed to find out except getting the
- 20 answer to the question?
- MS. BASKIN: Well, if her
- 22 answer would include one of these four
- 23 defendants, then she can answer.
- MR. HERMANN: Oh. But you

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19.
  instructed her not to answer.
1
               MS. BASKIN: I will clarify
2
3
  it.
               You are instructed to answer
4
  only to the extent that it would include
5
  Bagga, Jamuna, United, and Welcome
7
  Group.
               THE WITNESS: I don't need
8
  to answer then.
  BY MR. HERMANN:
10
               Did World Apparel Products
11
  engage in transactions with American
12
  Merchandise Company?
13
               MS. BASKIN: Object, unless
14
  it included dealings with one of these
15
   four defendants.
16
               MR. HERMANN: Are you
17
   instructing her not to answer?
18
               MS. BASKIN: I'm instructing
19
   her not to answer.
20
   BY MR. HERMANN:
21
            Now, you said before that
22
      G. Chawla is Ravi Chawla's brother;
23
      that correct?
24
   is
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        Α.
              Yes.
1
              And is he also the owner of
        Q .
2
  American Merchandise?
3
              I don't think so, no.
4
        Q.
              Who does own American
5
  Merchandise?
6
            Paul, Paul does.
7
        Α.
              Did J. G. Chawla at one
8
         Q.
  point own 100% of American Merchandise?
9
              Yes, he may have.
10
        Α.
              Did your husband buy that
11
         Q .
  from him in 1999?
12
        A. I don't know how they took
13
  over, but you are right, at one time G.
14
  T. owned it and then Paul took it.
15
         Q. I apologize. I've been
16
  calling him J. G. It's G. T.
17
            Yes, it's G. T. we just
18
  call him. It is a short name. Yes; I'm
19
  sorry. It is the same person.
20
         Q. Now, do you know when
21
  American Merchandise Company got
22
23
  started?
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
24
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instruct the witness not to answer.
 1
 2
  BY MR. HERMANN:
 3
               Were you the secretary of
         Q.
  American Merchandise when it got started
 4
   in or about 1991?
 5
 6
         A. I don't --
 7
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 8
  object and instruct the witness not to
  answer any questions regarding World
10
  Apparel or American Merchandising unless
  it is related to these four defendants.
11
12
               You are instructed not to
  answer unless it is related to one of
13
  these four defendants.
14
15
               THE WITNESS: No, it is not
16
  related, so....
  BY MR. HERMANN:
17
18
         Q. Is it your testimony that
19
  you know the answer to that but you
20
  don't think it is related to one of
21
  those four entities?
22
         A. Pardon? I'm sorry. I
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(The court reporter read the

23

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didn't get it.

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1
   instruct the witness not to answer.
 2
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 3
               Were you the secretary of
         Q.
   American Merchandise when it got started
 4
 5
   in or about 1991?
 6
             I don't --
         Α.
 7
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 8
   object and instruct the witness not to
 9
   answer any questions regarding World
10
   Apparel or American Merchandising unless
   it is related to these four defendants.
11
12
               You are instructed not to
13
   answer unless it is related to one of
14
   these four defendants.
15
               THE WITNESS: No, it is not
16
   related, so...
17
   BY MR. HERMANN:
18
            Is it your testimony that
         Q.,
   you know the answer to that but you
19
20
   don't think it is related to one of
   those four entities?
21
22
         A. Pardon? I'm sorry. I
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   record as follows:
 2
               "OUESTION: Is it your
 3
   testimony that you know the answer to
 4
   that but you don't think it is related
   to one of those four entities?")
 5
               THE WITNESS: I don't really
 6
 7
   know.
 8
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 9
           So your testimony is you
10
   don't know whether you were the
   secretary of American Merchandise in
11
12
   19 --
13
         A. Oh, no. Okay. I'm sorry.
14
   I got confused with that.
15
               I remember signing something
16
   for American Merchandise back in the
17
   early '90s.
               MS. BASKIN: I'm instructing
18
19
  you not to answer unless your answer --
               THE WITNESS: Is related to
20
21
22
               MS. BASKIN: -- is related
23
  to Bagga, Jamuna, United, or Welcome.
24
               THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm
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19
  sorry. I'm getting confused. It is not
1
  related; I'm sorry. I'm just getting
2
  confused with . . .
3
4
  BY MR. HERMANN:
         Q. What were your job
5
  responsibilities at American
6
7
  Merchandise?
               THE WITNESS: It is not
8
  related to this.
9
               MS. BASKIN: I would like to
10
  see -- I'm going to give him one or two
11
  questions to see if it is going anywhere
12
  or I believe it is under the purview of
13
14
   this litigation.
               (The court reporter read the
15
  record as follows:
16
               "QUESTION: What were your
17
  job responsibilities at American
18
  Merchandise?")
19
               MS. BASKIN: You can answer.
20
               THE WITNESS: Okay. I
21
  didn't really have any responsibilities.
22
23
   BY MR. HERMANN:
               Did you go to work there
24
         Q.
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19
               J-A-S-P-A-L.
 1
         Α.
 2
               And the last name?
         Q.
 3
         Α.
               Baqqa.
 4
         Q .
                Is there any familial
 5
   relationship between Ravi Chawla and
 6
   Paul Bagga?
 7
                In my -- Jaspal Bagga or
         A .
 8
   Paul Baqqa?
 9
               Paul Baqqa.
         Q .
10
             Paul Bagga. They are
11
   Paul's grandmother and Ravi's
12
   grandmother or grandfather were related
13
   some way.
14
               Are they second cousins?
         Q.
                I don't know if it would be
15
         Α.
   second or third. The grandparents were
16
17
   related.
18
            Did your brother ever work
         Q.
   for American Merchandise Company?
19
20
               My brother?
         Α.
21
               MS. BASKIN: I'm sorry.
                                           Ι
22
   didn't hear. I was listening to
23
  whatever --
24
               MR. HERMANN: Do you want to
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1
   hear the question back?
 2
               MS. BASKIN: If you could.
 3
                (The court reporter read the
 4
   record as follows:
 5
                "QUESTION: Did you brother
 6
   ever work for American Merchandise
 7
   Company?")
 8
               THE WITNESS: I don't know.
 9
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
10
   object and instruct the witness not to
11
   answer.
12
   BY MR. HERMANN:
13
         Q. Did your brother ever work
   for Worldwide Apparel Company?
14
15
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
16
   object and instruct the witness not to
17
   answer.
18
   BY MR. HERMANN:
19
         Q.
              What is Brand Mania?
20
               It was a company a few
21
  years ago, it was one of the dot-com
22
  companies that was -- it was supposed
23
   sell clothing over the Internet.
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It went under?

24

Q.

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20
 1
          Α.
                Yes.
 2
          Q.
                 Did you have any
 3
    involvement with that company?
 4
          Α.
                Yes.
 5
          Q.
                What was your role?
 6
          Α.
                I just worked with them on
 7
   different things when they were trying
 8
   to put it together.
 9
                And did you -- withdrawn.
          Q.
10
                Did your husband have any
   involvement with that company?
11
12
          Α.
                No.
13
                Did the Chawlas have any
          Q.
   involvement with that company?
14
15
                MS. BASKIN: Object and
16
   instruct the witness not to answer
17
   unless it is related to one of these
18
   four defendants.
19
                You don't have to answer it
20
   unless it is related.
21
   BY
      MR. HERMANN:
22
         Q .
                Who is Amar Singh?
23
         Α.
                He was one of the employees
   for World Apparel.
24
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1
          Q .
                He was vice-president of
 2
    World Apparel, wasn't he?
 3
          Α.
                Yes.
 4
          Q.
                And what is his
 5
   relationship to the Chawlas?
 6
          Α.
                I don't know of any
 7
   relationship.
 8
                Are you aware of any family
          Q.
   relationship between them?
 9
10
          Α.
                Pardon?
11
                Of any family relationship
12
   between them.
13
          Α.
                I don't know of any.
14
                What did he do for World
          Q.
15
   Apparel?
16
                MS. BASKIN: I object and
17
   instruct the witness not to answer
18
   unless it is related to these four
19
   defendants.
20
     MR. HERMANN:
21
               Now, you mentioned before
         Q .
   this there came a time when your husband
22
23
   acquired American Merchandising
   Corporation from the Chawlas. Were you
24
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24

Company?

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1
                MS. BASKIN: Object and
 2
   instruct the witness not to answer
   unless it is related to one of these
 3
   four defendants.
 4
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 5
 6
            Did you stay on as an
   officer of American Merchandise after
 7
   the sale of the company to your husband?
 8
 9
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
   instruct the witness not to answer
10
11
   unless it is related to one of these
   four defendants.
12
13
   BY MR. HERMANN:
14
               Now, tell me what you know
         Q.
   about the dealings between American
15
   Merchandise Company and World Apparel in
16
17
   connection with sales of branded
18
   American goods overseas.
19
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
   instruct the witness not to answer
20
   unless it is related to one of these
21
  four defendants.
22
23
  BY MR. HERMANN:
24
         Q. Do you know whether
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American Merchandising Company lent sums
 1
 2
   of money to World Apparel in order to
 3
   purchase goods for resale overseas?
 4
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
 5
   instruct the witness not to answer
 6
   unless it is related to one of these
 7
   four defendants.
 8
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 9
               Are you familiar with any
10
   transaction in which American
11
   Merchandising Company advanced sums of
12
   money to World Apparel in order for
13
   World Apparel to purchase branded
   American goods to be sold overseas?
14
15
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
16
   instruct the witness not to answer
17
   unless it is related to one of these
18
   four defendants.
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
20
         Q.
               Do you know whether
21
  American Merchandising Company lost
22
  millions of dollars in advancing sums
23
  World Apparel?
24
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
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instruct the witness not to answer
 1
   unless it is related to one of these
 2
 3
   four defendants.
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 4
 5
          Q.
            Did you ever talk to Ravi
   Chawla about the money that American
 6
   Merchandising Company advanced to World
 7
 8
   Apparel for purchase of goods to be sold
 9
   overseas?
10
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
11
   instruct the witness not to answer
   unless it is related to one of these
12
13
   four defendants.
14
   BY MR. HERMANN:
15
               Did you ever hear your
   husband say in the presence of anybody
16
   else that the reason he couldn't repay
17
18
   the loans which are underlying this
19
   litigation was because of the money he
20
   lost in connection with a transaction in
  which monies were advanced for purchase
21
     branded goods to be sold overseas?
22
23
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
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24

instruct the witness not to answer based

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on spousal privilege.
 1
 2
                MR.
                    HERMANN: I asked about
   in the presence of others.
 3
 4
                MS. BASKIN: You are right.
 5
      MR. HERMANN:
 6
          Q.
                So you can answer.
 7
          Α.
                I don't have an answer.
 8
          Q.
                Sorry?
 9
          Α.
                I have no answer.
10
                Does that mean yes or no?
          Q.
                I don't --
11
         Α.
12
         Q.
                You never heard your
13
   husband say that or you did hear him say
14
   it?
15
         Α.
               Say what?
                MS. BASKIN: Can you repeat
16
17
   that?
18
                THE WITNESS: Yes. I got
19
   confused between everything.
20
                (The court reporter read the
21
   record as follows:
22
                "QUESTION: Did you ever
23
  hear your husband say in the presence of
   anybody else that the reason he couldn't
24
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1
   repay the loans which are underlying
 2
   this litigation was because of the money
   he lost in connection with a transaction
 3
 4
   in which monies were advanced for
 5
   purchase of branded goods to be sold
 6
   overseas?")
 7
                THE
                   WITNESS: I don't
 8
   remember that.
 9
   BY MR. HERMANN:
10
               Were you ever present in
         Q.
11
   any conversation in which your husband
12
   described how one of his companies lost
13
   substantial amounts of money in
14
   advancing funds to a company owned by
15
   the Chawlas?
16
               MS. BASKIN: I apologize.
17
   Can you repeat that?
18
               (The court reporter read the
19
   record as follows:
20
               "QUESTION: Were you ever
21
  present in
             any conversation in which
22
  your husband described how one of his
  companies lost substantial amounts of
23
  money in advancing funds to a company
24
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1
  owned by the Chawlas?")
 2
               MS. BASKIN: I instruct you
   not to answer unless those comments, if
 3
   they were made, were made while other
 4
 5
   people were there.
 6
               THE WITNESS: I don't have
 7
   an answer, no.
 8
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 9
         Q. What do you mean you don't
10
   have an answer? You don't know whether
11
   the answer is yes or no?
12
         Α.
            I don't understand the
13
   question.
14
         Q. You do not understand the
15
   question?
16
         Α.
               No.
17
               MR. HERMANN: Can you read
18
  it back again?
19
               I'm going to ask the court
  reporter to read it back to you and tell
20
21
  me what you don't understand about the
22
  question.
23
               MR. TABAS: That was Judge
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Reed's chambers. He is in an all-day

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1
   mediation, has been since 11 o'clock.
 2
   If he gets a break, he will call
   one of these two phones; if not, we will
 3
   have to deal with it after today.
 4
 5
                (The court reporter read the
 6
   record as
             follows:
 7
                "QUESTION: Were you ever
 8
   present in any conversation in which
 9
   your husband described how one of his
10
   companies lost substantial amounts of
11
   money in advancing funds to a company
12
   owned by the Chawlas?")
13
               MS. BASKIN: And my
14
   objection is going to be limited to if
15
   those conversations occurred between
16
   only you and your husband. If there
17
   were third parties there, you can
18
   answer.
19
   BY MR. HERMANN:
20
         Q.
               Or if the conversation took
21
  place entirely apart from your husband.
22
               MR. HERMANN: I wasn't just
23
  restricting my question to conversations
24
  with her husband; it could have been
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1 with anybody.
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- THE WITNESS: I don't know
- 3 of any.
- 4 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 5 Q. Did you ever talk to Ravi
- 6 Chawla about one of his companies owing
- 7 millions of dollars to one of your
- 8 husband's businesses as a result of the
- 9 American Merchandising deals?
- 10 MS. BASKIN: I object and
- 11 instruct the witness not to answer
- 12 unless it relates to one of these four
- 13 defendants.
- 14 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. Did you ever talk to any of
- 16 the Chawlas about the efforts by First
- 17 International Bank to collect on the
- 18 default judgement they got?
- MS. BASKIN: Object and
- 20 instruct the witness not to answer
- 21 unless it relates to one of these four
- 22 defendants.
- 23 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 24 Q. Are you -- you can answer.

21.

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1
   Go ahead.
 2
          Α.
                It doesn't relate to them.
 3
                THE COURT REPORTER:
 4
   sorry?
 5
                THE
                    WITNESS:
                               It does not
   relate to any of these four companies.
 6
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 8
          Q .
                Are you familiar with the
   fact that there was a default judgment
 9
   that was entered into between -- excuse
10
   me; that there was a default judgment
11
12
   that was entered in litigation between
   World Apparel and American Merchandising
13
14
   in connection with the advancing of
   funds for the purchase of goods
15
16
   overseas?
17
            Judgment between -- I'm
   sorry. Is it World Apparel judgment?
18
19
   American Merchandise? I don't
20
   understand; I'm sorry.
21
               Do you know that there was
   a litigation between American
22
  Merchandising and World Apparel in
23
24
  connection with the advancing of funds
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to purchase goods to sell them overseas?
 1
 2
                Yes, I heard about that.
 3
                And did you hear that one
          Q.
 4
   of the parties defaulted and a judgment
 5
   was entered against it?
 6
         Α.
               Yes.
 7
               And do you know that that
         Q .
 8
   judgment was assigned to a bank?
 9
                I don't know of that.
10
               Do you know what the -- did
   you ever hear of the First International
11
12
   Bank of Hartford?
13
         Α.
               Yes.
14
               Do you know -- what do you
         Q.
15
   know about the First International Bank
16
   of Hartford in connection with its
   dealings with your family's businesses?
17
18
               MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
19
   object and instruct the witness not to
20
   answer unless it is related to one of
21
   these four defendants.
22
               THE WITNESS: It is not
23
   related.
  BY MR. HERMANN:
24
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21.
 1
          Q .
                Did First International
 2
   Bank lend money to one of the four
 3
   defendants?
 4
          Α.
                No.
 5
          Q.
                Did First International
 6
   Bank lend money to any business venture
 7
   in which your family, you and your
   husband, were involved?
 8
 9
                MS. BASKIN: Object and
10
   instruct the witness not to answer.
11
   BY MR. HERMANN:
12
                To your knowledge did your
13
   husband assign the judgment in that
14
   litigation between American
15
   Merchandising and World Apparel to First
16
   International Bank?
17
         Α.
                I don't know.
18
                This is the first you are
         Q.
19
   hearing of it?
20
         Α.
              Pardon?
21
         Q .
                Is this the first you are
22
   hearing of
              that?
23
         Α...
               About what?
24
                That the judgment was
         Q.
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21.
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1 assigned to the bank in Hartford.
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- 2 A. I don't know of any
- 3 assignment. I don't remember.
- Q. Well, you knew that there
- 5 was a default judgment entered you said.
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And did you ever ask
- 8 yourself, by the way, how are we going
- 9 to go back and collect the 6.8 million
- 10 they owe us?
- MS. BASKIN: Object and
- 12 instruct the witness not to answer
- 13 unless it is related to one of these
- 14 four defendants.
- 15 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. Was any effort made at all
- 17 to collect on that \$6.8 million
- 18 judgment?
- MS. BASKIN: Object and
- 20 instruct the witness not to answer
- 21 unless it is related to one of these
- 22 four defendants.
- 23 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. Were there other aspects of

20

22

23

24

BY MR. HERMANN:

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1
         Q.
               In your conversations with
   Mr. Ravi Chawla, did you ever ask him
 2
   whether he was going to get around to
 3
   paying the $6.8 million judgment to your
 4
 5
   family?
 6
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
 7
   instruct the witness not to answer
 8
   unless it relates to one of these four
 9
   defendants.
10
   BY MR. HERMANN:
11
         Q.
               Did you ever talk to
12
   anybody from First International Bank?
13
               MS. BASKIN: About anything?
14
   BY MR. HERMANN:
15
               About loans to Bagga family
16
  businesses.
17
               MS. BASKIN: And how are you
18
  defining "Bagga family businesses" now?
19
               MR. HERMANN: These four
  entities or any others.
20
21
               MS. BASKIN: Well, you can
22
  answer related to these four entities.
23
               THE WITNESS: No, I didn't
24
  talk to anybody regarding these four
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1 entities.
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- 2 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. When was the last time you
- 4 | spoke to Ravi Chawla?
- 5 A. Yesterday.
- Q. In any of your discussions
- 7 with him has the subject of this
- 8 judgment ever come up?
- MS. BASKIN: Object and
- 10 instruct the witness not to answer
- 11 unless it relates to one of these four
- 12 entities.
- 13 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 14 Q. Did Mr. Chawla ever advise
- 15 you or ever advise your husband in your
- 16 presence that a scheme to enter into a
- 17 default judgment would be one good way
- 18 to get rid of the lender who had lent so
- 19 much money to your family?
- MS. BASKIN: Object and
- 21 instruct the witness not to answer
- 22 unless it relates to one of these four
- 23 defendants.
- MR. HERMANN: We will let

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1
   her decide whether that does.
 2
               MS. BASKIN: While she is
 3
   thinking about it, could you read that
 4
   back again?
 5
               And I also object to the
   form.
 7
                (The court reporter read the
 8
   record as follows:
 9
                "QUESTION: Did Mr. Chawla
10
   ever advise you or ever advise your
11
   husband in your presence that a scheme
12
   to enter into a default judgment would
13
   be one good way to get rid of the lender
   who had lent so much money to your
14
15
   family?")
16
               MS. BASKIN: I object based
17
   on form, but you know that; it's
18
   leading.
19
               And, also, you are
20
   instructed not to answer unless it
21
   relates to one of these four defendants.
22
               THE WITNESS: It's not
23
  related to this.
24
  BY MR. HERMANN:
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Since the time of that
         Q.
1
  default judgment have you and your
2
  husband socialized with Ravi Chawla and
3
  his family?
4
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
5
  instruct the witness not to answer
6
  unless it is related to these four
7
   defendants.
8
   BY MR. HERMANN:
9
               Who is Kushal Pal?
         Q.
10
               What?
         Α.
11
         Q. Kushal, K-U-S-H-A-L, first
12
   name; P-A-L, second name.
13
                I don't know.
14
                     suggest to you that he
                If I
         Q .
15
        five Arby's franchises in
16
   Pennsylvania, does that ring a bell to
17
18
   you?
                No. Well, how do you spell
19
         Α.
20
   it again?
               P-A-L. Maybe I have the
21
         Q .
   spelling wrong.
22
                What's the first name?
         Α.
23
                Kushal.
24
         Q.
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22
         A. I don't know.
1
             Who is David Bhasin,
2
         Q.
  B-H-A-S-I-N?
3
               He is -- he owns Arby's
4
         Α.
  franchises in Allentown area and he was
5
  Paul's partner in the early '90s.
               In the early 1990s?
7
         0.
         Α.
               Yes.
8
               And what were they partners
9
         Q.
  in?
10
         A. Arby's.
11
               The ones in the Allentown
12
         Q.
13
  area?
         A. Yes.
14
               Any other ones?
15
         Q .
              I don't know. I think it
16
   was one in the Allentown area.
17
               Were they actually
18
         Q .
19
  partners?
20
            Yes.
         Α.
         Q. Did they have a business
21
   called D&P Enterprises?
22
               I don't remember the names.
23
         Α.
               Did you ever hear of an
24
         Q.
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entity called DP&G Enterprises for
 1
 2
   David, Paul, and Gopal?
 3
          Α.
                Yes.
 4
          Q.
                Who was the Gopal?
 5
          Α.
                He is a doctor in
   Allentown.
 6
 7
               And is that T. A. Gopal?
          Q.
 8
          Α.
                Yes.
 9
          Q .
                Was he an investor in
10
   Arby's franchises?
11
                I don't know if he was an
   investor in Arby's. I thought that was
12
   one of the -- they own some real estate
13
14
   building.
15
         Q.
                What building was that?
                I don't know. I think it
16
         Α.
17
   was something in Allentown.
18
                Do they still own it?
         Q.
19
         Α.
                No.
20
         Q.
                Did your husband, Paul,
21
   have a parting of the ways with David
22
   Bhasin?
23
         Α.
                Yes.
24
         Q.
                And apart from what your
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22:
   husband told you separately about it,
 1
                                            do
 2
   you have any idea what the nature of
 3
   that dispute was?
 4
                MS. BASKIN: I'm going to
 5
   object and instruct the witness not to
   answer unless it is related to one of
 6
 7
   these four defendants.
 8
                THE WITNESS: It's not
 9
   related.
10
   BY MR. HERMANN:
11
               Were you ever present at
         Q .
12
   any conversation between David Bhasin
13
   and your husband concerning their Arby's
14
   business dealings?
15
         Α.
               They were partners, so
16
   they --
17
               MS. BASKIN: The question
18
   was were you ever present.
19
               THE WITNESS: Present in
20
   business dealings or -- I mean I was
   there sometimes because they were
21
22
  partners, they were together in the sale
  office, but besides that --
23
24
   BY MR. HERMANN:
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22.
               When you were there, did
         Q .
1
  you ever learn what the causes of
2
  dispute, if there were any, were between
4
  them?
               MS. BASKIN: Object and
5
  instruct the witness not to answer
6
  unless it is related to one of these
7
  four defendants.
8
               THE WITNESS: It's not
9
  related.
10
11
  BY MR. HERMANN:
               Did any of the four
12
         Q .
  entities that we have been talking about
13
  ever have a dispute over money with
14
  Mr. Bhasin?
15
           I don't know of any.
16
         Α.
           Does your family know
17
         Q.
  Mr. Bhasin's family in India?
18
19
               No.
         Α.
               Did you ever hear of an
20
         Q.
  entity called B Cubed, International?
21
               Yes. I think it was one of
22
  the companies when David Bhasin was
23
24
  there for Arby's or something.
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Do you know what it did?
 1
         Q.
 2
               I don't know.
         Α.
 3
               Did you ever do any work
         Q.
   for it?
 4
 5
         Α.
               Huh?
 6
               Did you ever do any work
         Q.
 7
   for it?
            I don't know. It was just
 8
 9
      name B Cubed. It was a long time
10
   ago. I don't remember.
11
         Q. Did any of what your
   attorney refers to as the four entities
12
13
   do any work for B Cubed International?
14
         Α.
               No.
              How about Concept Food
15
16
   Gallery Nine; do you know what that was?
           Food -- I think it used to
17
         Α.
   be one of the Arby's in Gallery,
18
  probably that was the company for that,
19
20
   but they closed.
21
            It's a name of a company
22
  you heard before?
         A. I don't know. It's just
23
  Gallery I'm thinking, Concept Gallery.
24
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1
   I know there used to be an Arby's in
 2
   Gallery a long time ago. But I don't
 3
   think it was related to this because it
 4
   was before these companies. I'm not
   sure, but I think. It was a long time
 5
 6
   ago.
 7
         Q.
               How about a company called
 8
   Resource Utilization, Incorporated?
 9
         Α.
               That was the management
   company, I think, before United, so....
10
11
         Q.
               It managed the accounts for
   the Arby's properties before United?
12
13
         Α.
               Yes.
14
         Q.
               When did that changeover
15
   occur?
16
               When United took over.
         Α.
17
         Q .
               Did you ever work for
18
   Resource Utilization?
19
               I don't remember if I
20
  worked for Resource, but I worked for
21
  the management company, so I think I
22
  worked for United.
23
               Did you ever get a paycheck
         Q .
24
  that said it was from Resource
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Utilization, Inc.?
1
            I don't remember.
2
               How long ago did Resource
3
  Utilization go out of business?
4
              It has to be six, seven,
5
         Α.
  eight years ago. A long time.
6
              When you did work for them,
7
  what kind of work were you doing?
8
            I don't remember if I
9
  worked for them.
10
               MS. BASKIN: I don't know
11
  that she testified she did work for
12
  them. She didn't recall.
13
14
  BY MR. HERMANN:
         Q. I'm sorry. Did you do any
15
16
  work for them?
         A. I don't think so. I don't
17
  remember, no.
18
         Q. Do you know what the
19
  Export/Import Loan Bank is?
20
               It's a bank.
21
         Α.
            Do you know anything else
22
         Q .
  about it?
23
         A .
24
               N \circ .
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1
          Q.
                Do you know what it does?
 2
          Α.
                It gives loans.
 3
                Have you, yourself, ever
         Q.
   been involved in any discussions about
 4
   Export/Import Loan Bank financing for
 5
 6
   any Bagga family venture?
 7
                MS. BASKIN: Object to the
   extent it does not relate to one of
 8
 9
   these four.
10
                THE WITNESS: It doesn't
11
   relate to them.
12
   BY MR. HERMANN:
13
               Did you ever review or sign
         Q .
14
   any documents that were loan documents
   in connection with any borrowing from
15
16
   the Export/Import Bank either directly
17
   or through the First National Bank of
18
   New England in Hartford?
19
               MS. BASKIN: Object unless
   it relates to one of these four
20
21
   defendants.
22
   BY MR. HERMANN:
23
         Q. Do you have an answer?
24
         Α.
               No.
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Are you aware that FL
         Q.
1
  Receivable Trust 2002-A has money
2
  judgments against some of the four
3
  entities, as your counsel refers to
4
  them?
5
               Yes.
         Α.
6
               Do you know what the amount
         Q.
7
  of those judgments is in total?
8
                No.
         Α.
9
               Do you know whether it is
10
         Q.
             a million dollars?
  more than
11
                I don't know.
12
         Α.
               Have you ever tried to find
         Q.
13
  out what the amount of those judgments
14
   is?
15
                No.
16
         Α.
                Are you not concerned about
         Q.
17
   the size of those judgments?
18
                I'm concerned, but I don't
19
   know what the extent of this thing is.
20
   I don't know.
21
                MR. HERMANN: Can you read
22
   me back the answer, please?
23
                (The court reporter read the
24
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1
  record as follows:
 2
               "ANSWER: I'm concerned, but
 3
   I don't know what the extent of this
 4
   thing is. I don't know.")
 5
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 6
            Have you taken any action
 7
   in connection with satisfying those
 8
   judgments?
 9
            I don't understand what
10
   action.
11
              Have you done anything in
         Q .
12
   an attempt to have those judgments
13
   satisfied or an attempt to have those
14
   judgments not satisfied?
15
               MS. BASKIN: Do you
16
  understand?
17
               THE WITNESS:
                              They are not
  my judgments. I don't know.
18
19
  BY MR. HERMANN:
20
         Q .
               So is your answer that you
  haven't taken any steps in connection
21
22
  with satisfying or not satisfying those
23
  judgments?
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I don't know much about

24

Α.

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1
         I don't know what to do about it.
 2
                Have you asked anybody
 3
   other than your husband what to do about
 4
   those judgments?
 5
          Α.
                No.
 6
          Ω.
                Do you know what assets
   Jamuna has today?
 7
 8
          Α.
                I don't know the details,
         think it has some real estate that
 9
10
       Arby's Restaurants.
11
          Q.
                Do you know any more
   specifics than that?
12
13
          Α.
                No.
14
          Q.
                Do you know which
   restaurants it has?
15
16
         Α.
                No.
17
         Q.
                Have you discussed with
   anybody in the past year the sale of any
18
19
   assets owned by you or your husband or
   any business ventures in which you may
20
21
   have an interest or he may have an
   interest in order to satisfy the
22
23
   outstanding judgments?
24
         Α.
               Paul is doing that.
                                       Ι
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don't know anything about that.
 1
             You are not doing anything
 2
   about that; is that correct?
 3
               I don't know much about the
 4
  Arby's operations, so I can't really do
 5
   much. I can't sell something I don't
 6
 7
   own.
            Have you discussed with
8
   anybody the possibility of your signing
 9
10
   any kind of legal document, such as a
  guarantee, in connection with satisfying
11
12
   those judgments?
13
         Α.
               No.
               MR. HERMANN: Can we take
14
15
  break?
16
               THE VIDEOTAPE SPECIALIST:
  Off tape 3:13.
17
18
               (Recess.)
               THE VIDEOTAPE SPECIALIST:
19
  We're back on the record. The time is
20
21
  3:27.
22
  BY MR. HERMANN:
               Mrs. Bagga, did any of the
23
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four entities involved in this

24

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23
  litigation make any loans to American
1
  Merchandising Company?
2
               I don't know.
3
         Α.
           If they had made such
4
  loans, would you know?
5
               Yes, I would know. I don't
6
  think there was anything. I don't
7
  remember anything.
8
               Were all lending and
9
  borrowing transactions, as far as you
10
  were aware, simultaneously reflected on
11
  the books and records of the four
12
  entities? In other words, if it
13
  borrowed or lent money, would that, as
14
  matter of course, be reflected on its
15
16
  books and records?
         Α.
               Yes.
1.7
               MR. HERMANN: I would like
18
  to get this document marked as
19
20
  Exhibit 1.
               (Above-described document
21
  marked as K. Bagga Exhibit 1.)
22
   BY MR. HERMANN:
23
```

Q.

Mrs. Baqqa, I'm showing you

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a document that has been marked for
 1
 2
   identification as Exhibit No. 1 and ask
   you to take a look at it and tell me if
 3
   that looks familiar to you.
 4
 5
          Α.
               Yes.
 6
          Q.
               What is it?
 7
          Α.
                It's a deposit slip into
   United Management.
 8
 9
                That's on the first page.
   What about the second page?
10
11
          Α.
               That's also a deposit slip
   into United Management.
12
13
         Q. On the first page of the
   exhibit there is a deposit of $30,000
14
   cash dated December 4, 2002; is that
15
16
   correct?
17
         Α.
                Yes.
18
         Q.
                Now, did you make that
19
   deposit?
20
         Α.
             I don't remember.
21
               Do you know what that
         Q.
   $30,000 in cash was for?
22
23
         Α.
               No.
24
               Do you know where it came
         Q.
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from?
1
               No.
         Α.
2
               Did you happen to notice in
3
         Q.
  December of 2002 a $30,000 deposit into
  that account?
5
               No.
         Α.
6
               Is that something that
7
  happened with regularity, that large
  sums of cash like that would be
9
  deposited in the account?
10
               Not frequently. But I
11
  don't know where that deposit was made
12
   from.
13
               Take a look at the second
         Q.
14
  page. Does that reflect a $40,000 cash
15
   deposit?
16
               It's not a cash deposit.
         Α.
17
               What was it? Doesn't it
         Q.
18
       there "Currency $40,000"?
19
               Yes. But I think this is
20
   one of the loans made to United by me.
21
   This was money taken, 40,000. I think
                                             I
22
   made a loan to United.
23
               And you made that loan
```

Q.

24

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the form of cash?
1
               No. I think it was
2
  transferred from -- I think it's loan
3
  from my account, I made a loan to
4
  United.
5
               What day was that? Is that
6
  the same date, December 4, 2002?
7
            Yes, because I had an
8
  account at Commerce Bank so -- and I
  think they were short of funds in
10
11
  United.
             Are you the person that
12
  filled out that deposit ticket?
13
               Yes. It's my handwriting.
14
         Α.
               Is it your testimony that
         Q.
15
  that 40,000 should have said 40,000
16
  check instead of 40,000 currency?
17
               No, I didn't say that.
18
               So how did you effect that
19
  transaction? Did you actually withdraw
20
  $40,000 from one account and put it in
21
  another in the form of currency?
22
23
         Α.
               No.
               Well, how did you do it?
24
         Q.
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If you have two accounts in
 1
         Α.
 2
   the same bank and you transfer money
   from one account to the other, it is
 3
   within the same bank, they transfer it
 4
 5
   as cash.
         Q. And this was done on the
 6
 7
   Commerce Bank in Cherry Hill, New
 8
   Jersey?
         A. No. This was done at the
 9
10
  Flourtown branch.
11
               Do you have any explanation
  for why the reverse side of those
12
  tickets shows Cherry Hill, New Jersey?
13
   Is that a clearing office for the bank?
14
15
           I have no idea what
         Α.
16
  that...
         Q. Now, when you made -- and
17
  it is your testimony that this $40,000
18
  was a loan to United Management?
19
20
         Α.
              Yes.
21
               Was that reflected on the
         Q .
22
  books of United Management as a loan?
23
        Α.
               Yes.
24
               Has that loan been repaid?
         Q .
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1
         Α.
               No.
 2
               MR. HERMANN: Let me have
 3
   this marked, please, as K. Bagga 2 for
 4
   identification.
 5
                (Below-described document
 6
   marked as K. Baqqa Exhibit 2.)
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 8
         Q .
            I'm showing you a document
 9
   that has been marked as Exhibit 2 for
10
   identification and ask if you recognize
11
   that document or documents.
12
         Α.
           Yes.
13
               MS. BASKIN: Yes.
14
   BY MR. HERMANN:
15
               What is shown on Exhibit 2?
         Q.
16
               This is a deposit ticket
         Α.
17
   into United Management and the checks
   from Bagga, from Poojan, from Welcome
18
19
   stores, all different stores, into
20
   United Management Company.
21
         Q.
               Is that your stamped
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22 signature on each of these checks?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you wrote checks on

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1
   Bagga Enterprises; Poojan, Inc.; CJA
   Enterprises; Welcome Group; and Welcome
 2
 3
   Group d/b/a Arby's during that time; is
   that correct?
 4
 5
         Α.
               Yes.
 6
                Oh, that's not mine.
 7
         Q.
               At the time --
 8
         Α.
               Excuse me. CJA, this is
 9
      my signature.
10
         Q.
               Oh. I'm sorry. Whose
11
   signature is that?
12
         Α.
               I don't know.
13
         Q.
               When did you become
14
   employed by Bagga Enterprises?
15
                I was employed -- I get my
16
   -- I used to work for all the
17
   companies. I used to get my check from
   United Management. And after this
18
19
  Welcome litigation, they separated the
20
  overhead. So my payroll comes from
21
  Bagga Enterprises because United is not
22
   dead anymore.
23
               So at the time that you
24
  were writing -- December of 2002 that
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were you writing checks on Bagga
 1
   Enterprises, you weren't actually an
 2
 3
   employee there?
 4
         Α.
                I was an employee of
 5
   United.
 6
             And were you an officer in
   any way of Bagga Enterprises signing
 7
   checks for them?
 8
 9
            No, I don't think so. I
      -- I think I was just in charge of
10
      check-writing.
11
12
               MR. HERMANN: Please have
13
   that marked as Exhibit 3.
14
               (Below-described document
15
   marked as K. Bagga Exhibit 3.)
16
               MS. BASKIN: She is ready on
17
   this.
18
   BY MR. HERMANN:
19
            Bringing you back for a
20
  moment to Exhibit 2, do you see that
   first check, No. 5665, in the amount of
21
   $30,000 to United Management?
22
23
         Α.
               Yes.
24
               Is that -- am I reading
         Q.
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24
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that correctly as United Management
1
  30,000?
2
               Yes.
         Α.
3
               Do you know what that
         Q.
4
  payment was for, that $30,000?
5
               We used to just transfer
6
  all the monies into United to pay the
7
  bills out of United. It is not a
8
  payment. All the money had to be
  consolidated into United to pay the
10
  bills for all the units.
11
               And directing your
12
  attention to Exhibit No. 3, do you
13
  recognize that document, which is
14
  photocopies of five checks?
15
         Α.
               Yes.
16
               Now, on the third check
17
   there, No. 1250, dated December 16,
18
   2002, it is a $13,500 check made out to
19
20
   you?
               Yes.
21
         Α.
               And whose signature is
22
         Q.
   that?
23
         Α.
               Mine.
24
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24:
 1
         Q. And that's not a stamped
 2
   signature, that is your handwriting; is
 3
   that right?
 4
         Α.
               Yes.
               And what was that check
 5
         Q.
 6
   for?
 7
         A. It's probably an accounting
 8
   adjustment for the money that was given
 9
   in earlier, to return it.
10
               THE COURT REPORTER: I'm
11
   sorry. "The money that was given"?
12
               THE
                   WITNESS: Earlier.
13
               MS. BASKIN: To return it.
14
               THE WITNESS: To return the
15
   loan.
16
  BY MR. HERMANN:
17
         Q.
               I understood your testimony
  to be that the money had not been
18
19
   repaid.
            All of it has not been.
20
21
  quess this was a part of it.
22
         Q.
               So
23
               I put the 40,000; you
         Α.
24
  that deposit.
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18

20

Α. Yes, there should be.

Q. Do you know whether there

23 was?

21

22

24

Α. I have not checked it, but

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1
   I'm sure there is. If they wrote a
 2
   check, they have to make an
                                entry.
 3
               Well, you wrote the check,
         Q.
 4
   didn't you?
 5
         Α.
            I signed the check.
 6
               Did you tell anybody to
 7
   make an entry for repayment of the loan?
 8
         Α.
               Yes. I'm sure there is an
 9
   entry. There has to be an entry. The
10
   computer, you have to make an entry.
11
   You can't just write a $13,000 check and
12
   not put an entry what it's for.
13
         Q .
               Well, you can put it as an
14
   expense item or you can put it as a
15
   capital item. A repayment of loan
16
   wouldn't be an expense item, would it?
17
         Α.
               No.
                     I'm sure the
18
   accountants will catch it. It has to be
19
   a payment of the loan, I'm sure.
20
         Q .
               Did you tell anybody to
21
  write it down as a repayment of a loan?
22
         Α.
               Yes, I'm pretty sure
23
  repayment, entered as a repayment.
24
         Q.
               And why are you sure of
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24
   that?
1
2
               Because I put the money in,
         A .
   so I'm sure I took some of it back,
3
  because there was a lot of money put in
 4
 5
  besides this 40,000 --
               MS. BASKIN: The question is
 6
7
  whether you recall if you told anyone.
8
               THE WITNESS: Yes.
 9
   BY MR. HERMANN:
10
         Q.
               Who did you tell?
               Whoever wrote the check.
         Α.
11
12
               I thought you wrote the
         Q.
13
  check.
               I signed the check.
14
         Α.
15
               Do you know from the
         Q.
  handwriting who actually wrote out the
16
  check?
17
18
         Α.
               No.
               It's not familiar
19
         Q.
  handwriting to you?
20
21
         Α.
               No. I don't know who wrote
22
   that check.
23
               Do you see the check below
24
   the small check from your husband? Does
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1
   that look like the same handwriting to
 2
   you?
 3
          Α.
             Yes.
 4
                Is that in fact the
          Q.
 5
   handwriting of Paul Baqqa?
 6
          Α.
                No.
 7
          Q.
                That is his signature on
 8
   the bottom?
 9
               Yes, his signature.
10
               Now, the check below that,
       1252, is a $4,300 check made out by
11
12
   Paul Bagga to himself, and the memo says
13
   it is for sales tax.
14
         Α.
               For
                   Poojan.
15
         Q.
               For Poojan.
16
         Α.
               Yes.
17
         Q .
               Do you know why Paul Bagga
   was writing a check to himself for sales
18
19
   tax?
20
         Α.
               Because you have to send a
   cashier's check to them. So you have to
21
22
   take the cash out, get a cashier's check
23
  made. And to get a cashier's check made
  you have to -- somebody has to get the
24
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 1
   cash out.
 2
          Q.
                Now, do you see Check 1249
   on the top there dated December 16, '02,
 3
   signed by your husband for $3,000 --
 4
 5
          Α.
                Yes.
 6
          Q.
                 -- made out to Knopf
 7
   Automotive?
 8
          Α.
                Yes.
 9
          Q.
                Can you read what the memo
   says on it, whether it's downpayment --
10
11
                Downpayment car for Gene.
          Α.
12
          Q.
                And who is that?
13
          Α.
                Gene Pittack.
14
          Q.
                Is that to buy a new car
15
   for Gene
             in December of 2002?
16
          Α.
                Yes, I think so.
17
          Q.
                Did the company buy him a
18
   car?
19
          Α.
                Yes.
20
          Q.
                Was that part of his
21
   compensation?
22
         Α.
                Yes.
23
         Q.
                Do you know how old his old
24
   car was?
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companies had from FL Receivable Trust
  1
    2002-A?")
  2
  3
    BY MR. HERMANN:
  4
          Q. Just to clarify, at that
    time it would have been to Captec, that
  5
    are now FL Receivable Trust.
  6
 7
          Α.
                Oh, okay. No.
 8
          Q.
                Are you the --
 9
          Α.
                I don't remember, no.
10
          Q .
                Are you the person who
   decided each month not to make loan
11
12
   payments?
13
         Α.
                No.
14
         Q.
                Who made that decision?
15
         Α.
               Paul.
16
         Q.
               Did you talk to him about
17
   it?
18
         Α.
               No. He -- the discussion
19
   was
20
               MS. BASKIN: The question
   was did you talk to him about it. Yes
21
22
   or no.
23
               THE WITNESS: No, I did not
  talk to him, no.
24
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1
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 2
               Were you aware while loan
         Q.
 3
   payments were not being made that in
   fact they were not being made?
 4
 5
               Because the stores were not
 6
   doing enough sales, they couldn't afford
 7
   to make --
 8
                THE COURT REPORTER:
 9
   "Because the stores were not doing
10
   enough sales"?
11
               THE WITNESS:
                               To make the
12
   payments, yes, to Captec. I don't know
13
  the whole extent of the conversation
14
   why.
15
               MS. BASKIN: I'm sorry; I
16
  was distracted by -- could you repeat
   the question?
17
18
               (The court reporter read
19
   the record as follows:
20
               "QUESTION: Were you aware
21
  while loan payments were not being made,
22
   that in fact they were not being
  made?")
23
24
  BY MR. HERMANN:
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1
          Q.
                Who would have been the
 2
   person to make the decision, for
 3
   example, to buy a new car for Gene
   rather than to make loan payments?
 4
 5
          Α.
                Paul.
 6
                And is it your testimony
          Q.
 7
   that you never discussed that subject
 8
   with him of whether to make loan
 9
   payments?
10
         Α.
                Yes.
11
         Q.
                Did he tell you --
12
   withdrawn.
13
                At what point did you first
   learn from Paul Bagga that loan payments
14
15
   to Captec were not being made?
16
                I don't know when they stop
   making the payments. Sometime in 2002?
17
18
   I'm not sure when.
19
               Who told you that loan
   payments were no longer being made?
20
21
         Α.
                Paul.
22
         Q .
               When he told you that, did
   he explain to you why?
23
24
               MS. BASKIN:
                              It's a yes or
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1
   no.
 2
               THE WITNESS: No.
 3
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 4
         Q.
               Did you ask him why?
 5
         Α.
               No.
 6
               MS. BASKIN: I don't mean to
 7
   cut you off in midsentence, but I would
 8
   like to wrap this up at 4:00.
 9
               MR. HERMANN: You are going
10
   to terminate the examination at 4:00?
11
               MS. BASKIN: Around 4:00 to
12
   see where you are, for you to let me
13
   know how much more you have.
14
               MR. HERMANN: I'm sorry; can
15
   we have the last question and answer?
16
               (The court reporter read the
17
  record as follows:
18
               "QUESTION: Did you ask him
19
  why?
20
               "ANSWER: No.")
21
  BY MR. HERMANN:
22
         Q. Who made the decision to
  repay $13,500 on your loan on December
23
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16, 2002, rather than to pay FL

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1
   deposited the 40,000 in if I knew that.
 2
               When you deposited the
          Q .
 3
   40,000 or other loans that you made, did
 4
   you ever have a discussion with Paul
 5
   Bagga about how your loan might be
   treated in relation to the loans that
 6
 7
   Captec had made; that is to say, which
   would come first in terms of repayment?
 8
 9
            I told him I was doing a
10
   favor to the company --
11
               MS. BASKIN: The answer is
12
   yes or no.
13
               THE
                   WITNESS: What was the
   question again? I'm sorry.
14
15
               MS. BASKIN: Could you
   repeat the question.
16
17
               THE WITNESS: Can you
18
   repeat?
19
               (The court reporter read the
20
   record as follows:
21
               "QUESTION: When you
22
  deposited the 40,000 or other loans that
23
  you made, did you ever have a discussion
24
  with Paul Bagga about how your loan
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1
   might be treated in relation to the
 2
   loans that Captec had made; that is to
 3
   say, which would come first in terms of
 4
   repayment?")
 5
               THE
                   WITNESS: No.
 6
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 7
               Did you give that any
 8
   thought before making the loans; that is
 9
   to say, maybe you couldn't be repaid
   before the lender who was ahead of you
10
11
   in time was repaid?
12
         Α.
               No.
13
         Q.
               And is that because you
   wrote the checks and you decided who got
14
15
   paid and who didn't?
16
         Α.
               I just thought they needed
17
   the money that day, so I deposited
   thinking that I would be able to take it
18
19
   out next week. And I could not take
20
   that money out the next week or the week
   after. I only took part of it out. I
21
22
   deposited monies before that, too; I
23
   could not take it out.
24
         Q.
               When you took out the
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money, the $13,500 that we discussed
 1
 2
   before, when did you tell your husband
 3
   that you had done it?
 4
               I did not tell him. I told
   him I could not take all the money out.
 5
 6
               Did he know at the time
         Q.
 7
   that you had taken some of the money out
   based on what you had told him?
 8
 9
         Α.
               I did not tell him the
10
   amounts. I was going away to India and
11
   I told him I was upset, because I said,
12
   "There is no money." I just put the
13
   money -- I thought I would be able to
14
   take it out; I could not take it out. I
15
   could only get this much out.
16
               And then he said, "You can
17
  take it out later on." And then we had
  this litigation thing. And after that
18
  everything was seized; I could not take
19
20
  anything back then. If I knew that, I
  would have never put the money in to
21
22
  begin with.
23
         Q. Do I understand your
  testimony to be that you were upset that
24
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was a loan. It's not a gift.

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1
                MR. HERMANN:
                               That is
 2
   exactly right.
 3
                MS. BASKIN: That is exactly
   right. It was not a gift. There is no
 4
 5
   testimony on the record to indicate it
 6
   was a gift.
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 8
         Q.
                It was a loan, wasn't it?
 9
         Α.
                Yes. I made the loan --
10
               MS. BASKIN: Correct. And
   there's -- excuse me. And there is a
11
   difference between a loan and a gift, so
12
   please do not put words in her mouth
13
14
   that she is giving gifts to this
15
   company.
16
               MR. HERMANN: I don't think
   I suggested it was a gift.
17
18
               MS. BASKIN: You've said it
19
   -- you used the word "gift."
20
               MR. HERMANN: I said it
21
   wasn't a gift.
22
               MS. BASKIN: Go on.
23
  BY
     MR. HERMANN:
24
         Q. Did Mr. Bagga, Paul Bagga,
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1
   ever say to you at any time after you
 2
   made the $13,500 withdrawal or check to
 3
   yourself that you couldn't take out any
   more of that money that you had lent?
 4
 5
                THE WITNESS: Can you repeat
 6
   that? I'm sorry.
 7
   BY MR. HERMANN:
 8
         Q.
               Let me rephrase it. After
   the $13,500 check was written to you,
 9
10
   did Paul Bagga ever tell you that you
11
   couldn't take out any more of the money
12
   that you had lent to the company in that
13
   $40,000 transaction on December 4?
14
         Α.
               I didn't talk to him about
15
        I wasn't here after that.
16
         Q. Have you made any attempts
   since that $13,500 check was written to
17
   obtain repayment of any of the balance
18
19
   of your loan?
20
               No, I don't think so.
         Α.
21
               When you say you don't
         Q.
22
   think so, you are not certain?
23
         Α.
               Ι
                know there is a lot of
24
  money still owed to me so -- and then
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told after the filing that I could
 1
 2
   not take anything out, so I haven't
 3
   taken anything out.
 4
          Q.
                After the filing, you mean
 5
   the bankruptcy filing?
 6
        Α.
                Yes, yes.
 7
                Did you do anything between
   December 16 of 2002 and the time of the
 8
   bankruptcy filing for Welcome to attempt
10
   to get repayment of the loan?
11
         Α.
                I don't remember.
12
          Q .
                How much in total is owed
13
   to you by the four companies?
14
         Α.
                A lot.
15
         Q .
                Do you have a record
16
   someplace?
17
            Some of it is on the tax
         Α.
18
   returns.
19
         Q .
                Some of it --
                               is
                                  some of it
20
   not on the tax returns?
21
               Well, we don't have last
         Α.
22
   year's tax returns yet, so....
23
               You haven't submitted it?
24
   You mean it is on extension?
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26
 1
          Α.
               Yes.
 2
          Q.
               And up until the time of
 3
   this year's tax return is filed, do you
   know what the total loan indebtedness is
 4
 5
   to you?
 6
         Α.
            No, I don't remember what
   the total is.
 7
 8
                MR. HERMANN: Well, it is 4
 9
   o'clock. What do you want to do?
10
               MR. TABAS: The judge is
   back in his chambers.
11
12
                THE COURT REPORTER: Do you
13
   want to go off the record with this
14
   discussion?
15
               MR. HERMANN: Please.
16
               THE VIDEOTAPE SPECIALIST:
   Off tape 3:59.
17
18
               (Recess.)
19
               THE VIDEOTAPE SPECIALIST:
   We're back on the record. The time is
20
21
   4:13.
22
  BY MR. HERMANN:
23
         Q. Mrs. Bagga, do you know
  what 1878 Exeter Corp. is?
24
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1
          Α.
                Yes.
 2
          Q.
                What
                     is that?
 3
          Α.
                It's a company that did all
 4
   the payroll for all the different
 5
   stores.
 6
             And was 1878 Exeter Corp. a
          Q.
 7
   subsidiary of one of the other
 8
   companies, such as United Management?
 9
                It is like a sister company
   of United. Because we have so many
10
11
   employees, there is over 300 employees,
   in different units and it was just a
12
13
   problem for -- to manage out of the same
14
   account all the paychecks coming out and
15
   just reconcile it, so we just decided to
   have a separate accountant for payroll.
16
17
         Q.
               And who made that decision?
18
         Α.
               Paul.
19
         Q.
               Is he the sole owner of
20
   that company?
21
         Α.
               Yes, I think so.
22
         Q.
               Have you ever received any
   compensation from 1878 Corp.?
23
24
               I don't remember getting
         Α.
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anything from 1878.
1
               Did you ever hear of a
2
  company called 21st Century Restaurant
3
  Solutions, Inc.?
4
               Yes.
         Α
5
               What is that?
         Q .
6
               I think that's because
7
         Α.
  United Management is closed, so
8
  that's -- that was supposed to replace
  United Management. That's what I
10
  understand. I'm not sure. It was
11
  supposed to replace it, but then because
12
  of the bankruptcy filing, Welcome had to
13
  be treated separately. We could not
14
  bring Welcome payroll or the expenses
15
  into United, so that's separately. So
16
  both are being treated separately. So I
17
  don't know if they are going to use 21st
18
   Century or how they are going to treat
19
20
   it.
            When you say "they," who
21
      the "they" you are referring to?
22
               I mean Paul --
23
         Α.
               Paul.
         Q .
24
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1
          Α.
                -- the company.
 2
                Who sets up all these
 3
   corporations? Is that done by a lawyer
 4
   or is that done by Mr. Bagga?
               I don't know how it's he
 5
 6
   did that.
 7
            As far as you know, is 21st
         Q.
   Restaurant Solutions, Inc., an operating
 8
 9
   company at the moment?
10
         Α.
               Yes, I think it's
11
               What does it do?
         Q.
12
         Α.
               It does -- doing part of
13
   what United was doing, like the rent
14
   gets paid, the office expenses have to
15
   be paid out of -- it gets paid out of
16
   21st Century --
17
           For all of the various
         Q.
18
   Arby's units, it receives funds from
19
   them and makes --
20
         Α.
               No, no.
21
         Q.
               No.
22
         Α.
               We cannot mix the Welcome
23
   now because of the bankruptcy. So Bagga
24
   is -- the expenses are being paid out of
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1
  Bagga from the PNC Bank.
 2
               21st Century is a
   replacement for United Management, but
 3
 4
   it's not doing all the work because
 5
   Welcome is doing its own and Bagga is
 6
   doing -- paying its own expenses. So
 7
   it's just paying the expenses for the
   office and the overheads or whatever it
 9
   is.
10
         Q. Other than the Arby's that
11
   are owned by Welcome, are there any
   other Arby's open?
12
13
               The ones that are owned by
14
   Baqqa Enterprises.
15
               Which are which ones?
16
               The ones that are not owned
17
   by Welcome
18
         Q .
            Yes.
19
         A. -- they are all owned by
20
  Bagga. The five of them that are owned
21
  by Welcome. The rest are all owned by
22
  Bagga except for Poojan.
23
               MS. BASKIN:
                             The same ones
  she testified to about five hours
24
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26
 1
   BY MR. HERMANN:
               The ones you testified to
 2
         Q.
 3
   before --
 4
         Α.
               Yes.
               -- that I asked you one by
 5
         Q.
 6
   one?
 7
               Yes.
         Α.
               MR. HERMANN: Well, in the
 8
   last break -- I just want to put this on
 9
   the record -- we contacted Judge Reed
10
   with regard to the objections and
11
   directions not to answer, and we have
12
   agreed that we will make a formal
13
14
   submission to the judge in order to
   obtain a ruling on that. And if the
15
16
   ruling is favorable to us, we will
17
  probably have to re-call you as
18
  witness.
19
               THE WITNESS: Okay.
               MR. HERMANN: So we will
20
   adjourn the deposition then pending that
21
22
   ruling.
23
               MS. BASKIN: Thank you.
24
               THE WITNESS:
                               Thank you.
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26'

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1
                  THE VIDEOTAPE SPECIALIST:
 2
    That concludes today's videotape
 3
    deposition. The time is 4:18.
 4
                  (Witness excused.)
 5
                  (Whereupon the deposition
    adjourned at 4:18 p.m.)
 6
 7
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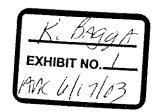
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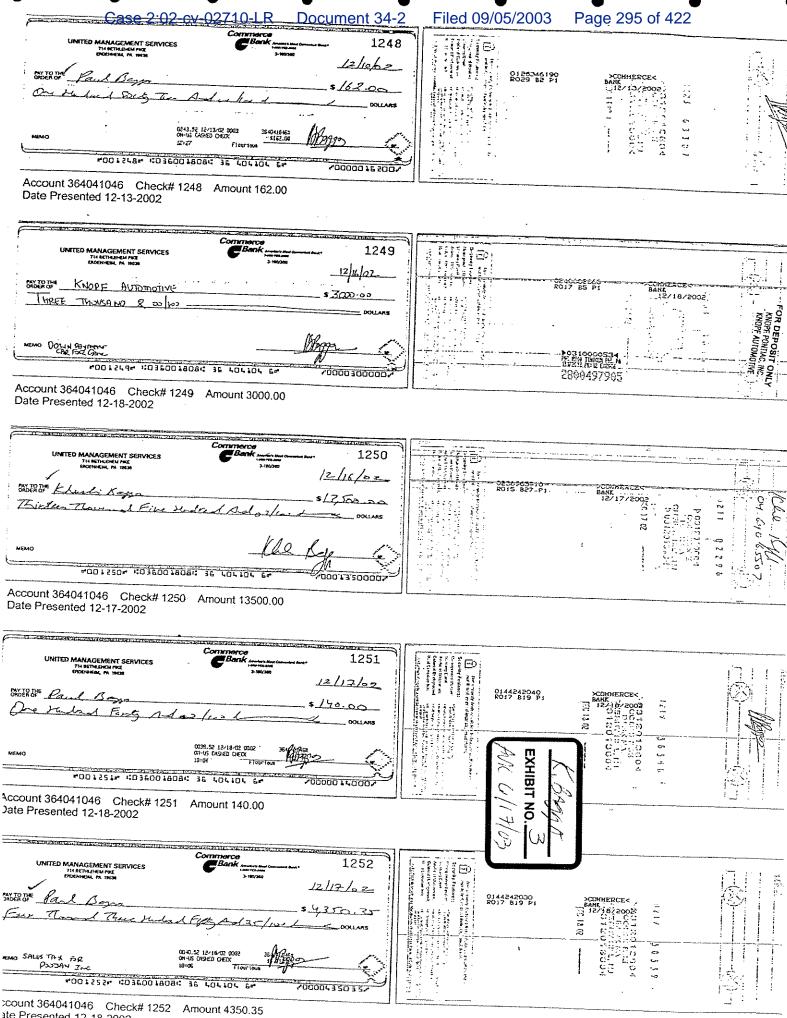
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4	FL RECEIVABLE TRUST,
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6	Plaintiff,
7	vs.
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9	BAGGA ENTERPRISES, INC; JAMUNA REAL ESTATE,
10	LLC; UNITED MANAGEMENT, SERVICES, INC.; and WELCOME GROUP, INC.
11	Defendants.
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(Completion of) Videotape Oral Deposition of KHUSHVINDER KAUR BAGGA, held in the law offices of Obermayer, Rebman, Maxwell & Hipple, 1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, 19th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, beginning at 12:31 pm, before Maureen McCarthy, a Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, Approved Reporter of the U.S. District Court, and a Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 17 18 19 20

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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the record. Today's date is August 7th, 2003. The time is 12:31 pm. Counsel, please introduce yourselves for the record. MR. HERMANN: I'm Robert Hermann from Thacher, Proffit & Wood representing the plaintiff. 

9	080703.txt MS. BURKE: Jean Burke from Thacher, Proffit
10	& wood, also representing the plaintiff.
11	MR. LIPSKY: I'm Louis Lipsky representing
12	the defendants.
13	MS. BASKIN: Leslie Baskin from Spector,
14	Gadon & Rosen representing the deponent, Mrs. Bagga.
15	MR. KIDD: Ronald F. Kidd, representing the
16	deponent, Khushvinder Bagga, with regard to her
17	Constitutional rights.
18	MR. TABAS: Lawrence Tabas, also
19	representing Prudential.
20	THE WITNESS: I'm Khushvinder Bagga.
21	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The court reporter can
22	now swear in the witness.
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24	KHUSHVINDER KAUR BAGGA, 611 Creek
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1	Lane, Flourtown, PA 19031, having been
2	previously sworn, was examined and testified
3	as follows:
4	EXAMINATION
5	BY MR. HERMANN:
6	Q. Good afternoon, Mrs. Bagga.
7	A. Good afternoon.
8	<ul><li>Q. We're going to continue your deposition today,</li></ul>
9	and under the same rules that I mentioned last time,
10	particularly, that if you don't understand a question,
11	indicate that, and I'll try to rephrase it so that it's
12	clearer. Page 4

- Do you understand that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you in good health today?
- 16 A. Yes.

- 17 MS. BASKIN: Before you start your
- 18 questions, if I could just make a general statement.
- 19 As everyone knows, we're here under a July
- 20 17th, 2003 order that was issued by Judge Reed.
- 21 I would just like to state that there is a
- 22 continuing general objection to the basis of relevance
- 23 concerning Mrs. Bagga's personal assets or anything not
- 24 directly related to the defendants here; and that our

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- 1 attendance here should not be deemed to be a waiver,
- 2 that general and continuing objection.
- 3 And just one other point. Prior to the
- 4 deposition, I believe some time this week or late last
- 5 week, a confidentiality order was circulated to counsel,
- 6 and it's my understanding in speaking to my partner,
- 7 Susanne Shiller, that Mr. Hermann and Mr. Lipsky have
- 8 both approved the confidentiality agreement.
- 9 MR. HERMANN: I received the confidentiality
- 10 agreement yesterday afternoon. I had previously
- 11 indicated to Susan Shiller that I had no objection in
- 12 principle to signing one.
- I have not had full opportunity to review
- 14 this and I've asked Ms. Burke also to review it, but it
- 15 is our intention to enter into a confidentiality

- 16 agreement in the general nature here, and I simply
- 17 haven't looked at it with all the specifics; correct
- 18 thank you.

- 19 MR. KIDD: My name is Ron Kidd. I was
- 20 engaged by Mrs. Bagga last night, which would have been
- 21 August the 6th, and met with her between 4:30 and 8:30,
- 22 and at the conclusion of the meeting, I advised that
- 23 counsel for her at the deposition that she would be
- 24 invoking her Fifth Amendment to selected questions at

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- 1 the deposition tomorrow; and that I expect to limit my
- 2 role to giving her advice on which questions to answer
- 3 and whether or not to invoke her Constitutional rights
- 4 with regard to those questions.
- 5 In the early invocation of the rights,
- 6 assuming that she invokes them, she will read that she's
- 7 relying on counsel and that she's invoking her Fifth
- 8 Amendment rights under the Constitution of the United
- 9 States and refusing to answer.
- 10 After answering in that manner ten or 15
- 11 times, we will then switch to invoking our Fifth
- 12 Amendment rights by just saying "the Fifth Amendment."
- 13 MR. TABAS: Mr. Kidd, I would just like to
- 14 clarify -- this is Lawrence Tabas -- that if she invokes
- 15 it after that first time when she makes the full
- 16 statement that she actually state fully that she is
- 17 invoking the Fifth Amendment.
- 18 She doesn't have to read the whole statement
- 19 but rather than just use the phrase "Fifth Amendment." Page 6

- 20 MR. KIDD: Yes. That's just to eliminate
- 21 the tedium of a long response to each question, and
- 22 hopefully to expedite the deposition.
- MR. TABAS: Thank you.
- 24 BY MR. HERMANN:

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- 1 Q. Mrs. Bagga, have you discussed what your
- 2 testimony today may be with anyone other than your
- 3 lawyers?

- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. And have you reviewed any documents in
- 6 preparation for today's deposition?
- 7 A. You mean today?
- 8 Q. No. Prior to today, have you reviewed any
- 9 documents in order to prepare yourself to have your
- 10 deposition taken today?
- 11 A. I read my previous deposition.
- 12 Q. And did you make any corrections in your previous
- 13 deposition?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Did you sign the deposition?
- 16 A. No. I've not signed it.
- 17 Q. Did you show a copy of your deposition transcript
- 18 to anybody?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Did you discuss with anybody other than your
- 21 lawyers your answers to any of the questions that you
- 22 were asked at your last deposition?

23 A. No.

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Q. Your lawyers produced to us copies of certain

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- documents from a computer that are in the software
- 2 format of Quicken.
- 3 Are you familiar with that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Do you know where those computer records came
- 6 from?
- 7 A. I guess someone in the office. Probably got the
- 8 records from the office; right?
- 9 Q. I don't want you to guess. Do you know where
- 10 they came from?
- 11 A. I was not there when your people came. I know
- 12 somebody from your comp -- from your organization went
- 13 to the office to make copies of the computer records.
- 14 Q. When you say the office, what building are you
- 15 referring to?
- 16 A. 714 Bethlehem Pike.
- 17 Q. Excuse me just one minute. I have to turn this
- 18 thing off.
- 19 Q. Did you, in fact, see a copy of the records that
- 20 were produced to us yesterday?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. You maintained, didn't you, certain records on a
- 23 computer in the Quicken software format.

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- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. For how long a period of time did you keep those
- 3 records?
- 4 A. Couple months.
- 5 Q. In 2003?
- 6 A. Yes.

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- 7 Q. Do you know when you started?
- 8 A. Some time in May.
- 9 Q. And did you stop at some point?
- 10 A. No. I just did it for a couple of months, then I
- 11 was not here, so it was just my personal accounts, I
- 12 quess, you're referring to.
- Q. Who made the entries in the computer that are
- 14 reflected in the information that was produced to us?
- 15 MR. KIDD: I'm going to instruct you not to
- 16 answer that question. Invoke your rights,
- 17 A. Relying on the advice of my attorney, I invoke my
- 18 right against self-incrimination under the Constitution
- 19 of the United States and refuse to answer your question.
- Q. Why did you start using this Quicken software to
- 21 keep track of your personal accounts?
- 22 A. I wanted to learn how Quicken works.
- 23 Q. How did you keep track of this kind of
- 24 information before you used the Quicken software?

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1 A. On the -- with the checking -- with my checkbook,

- 2 there's a little book there.
- Q. And when you wrote a check, you would make an
- 4 entry and a notation of the person to whom you wrote it
- 5 and the date?
- 6 A. Most of the time, yes.
- Q. Did you also note deposits in your checkbook
- 8 memos?
- 9 A. Usually, yes.
- 10 Q. For how long a period of time have you been doing
- 11 that prior to using the Quicken software?
- 12 A. Since I've had my account.
- Q. Now, which account are we talking about?
- 14 A. Checking account.
- Q. And where is that checking account?
- 16 A. Sovereign Bank.
- 17 Q. How long have you had a checking account at
- 18 Sovereign Bank?
- MS. BASKIN: Objection to form.
- 20 MR. KIDD: Answer the question.
- 21 A. It was a long time. I don't remember since when.
- Q. Several years?
- 23 A. Several years, yes.
- Q. Do you have any other checking accounts at any

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- 1 other banks?
- 2 A. No.

- Q. Do you have more than one personal checking
- 4 account at Sovereign Bank?
- 5 A. No.

- Q. Do you sometimes write letters?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you write them by hand or on a typewriter?
- 9 A. By hand or on the computer sometimes.
- 10 Q. When you write letters on a computer, do you
- write them from home or from the office?
- 12 A. Both.
- Q. You have a computer at home as well?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you write business letters from the office and
- 16 personal letters from home?
- 17 A. Not necessarily. Sometimes I write personal
- 18 letters from the office too.
- 19 Q. When you write a letter on the computer in the
- 20 office, do you save it?
- 21 MS. BASKIN: Objection to form.
- 22 A. Sometimes, yes, not all the time.
- Q. When you save it in the office, do you save it to
- 24 the hard drive or do you save it on a disk?

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- 1 A. I really don't know that much about computers. I
- 2 just click the "save" button, so I don't know where it
- 3 goes, whether it goes on the hard drive? I have no
- 4 idea.

- Q. When you write letters in the office and you save
- 6 them, which computer do you actually use to do that?
- 7 The same computer -- is it the same computer that has
- 8 the Quicken records?

- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Where is that computer located within the office?
- 11 A. On my desk.
- 12 Q. Approximately, how many letters a week do you
- 13 write on average?
- 14 A. From the office?
- 15 Q. Yes.
- MS. BASKIN: Objection to form.
- 17 A. Sometimes none. I don't go to the office every
- 18 day.
- 19 Q. Would it help if I asked you about how many
- 20 letters a year you write from the office?
- 21 A. I don't know how many letters I would write. I
- 22 don't keep account of them.
- Q. In the last 12 months, have you written more than
- 24 one letter at the office?

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1 A. Yes.

- Q. More than ten?
- 3 A. I couldn't be able to give you a number. I don't
- 4 remember.
- Q. Do you know whether it's more than ten?
- 6 A. Yes, could be.
- 7 Q. It could be or is, you think?
- 8 A. I don't know. First of all, I'm kind of confused
- 9 which if a document or this computer only, this desk. I
- 10 just started doing it in May, so --
- 11 Q. Prior to May of this year, did you use a
- 12 different computer in the office? Page 12

- 13 A. No, I used the same computer, but I'm not at the
- 14 office every day.
- 15 Q. I understand that you're not at the office every
- 16 day.
- 17 I'm simply trying to ask you, when you're in the
- 18 office, about how many letters you normally write in the
- 19 course of a week or a year, whichever is easier for you
- 20 to answer.
- 21 A. Could be 20, 25? I don't know. I couldn't give
- 22 you a number. I don't remember how many letters I
- 23 write.

Q. If you write a letter with regard to business

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- 1 matters, do you always save it?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. What determines whether you do or don't save a
- 4 letter that pertains to business matters?
- 5 A. If it's important, I feel important, I save it.
- 6 If I don't feel, if it's a general letter, I'm just
- 7 saying hello, how are you doing? What's going on? I
- 8 don't need to save it.
- 9 Q. Do you write business letters that just say
- 10 hello, how are you doing? what's going on?
- 11 A. Yes. Just to say what's happening. Nothing, but
- 12 there's not much there to write.
- I don't -- I just said, I don't write that many
- 14 letters so --
- Q. Do you use e-mail?

16 A. Yes.

- 17 Q. Do you use e-mail in the office?
- 18 A. Sometimes.
- 19 Q. When you use e-mail in the office, do you use it
- 20 for personal as well as business reasons?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. What's your e-mail address?
- 23 MR. KIDD: I'm going to instruct you not to
- 24 answer.

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- A. Relying on the advice of my attorney, I invoke my
- 2 right against self-incrimination under the Constitution
- 3 of the United States and refuse to answer your question.
- 4 Q. Is there a domain name for your office?
- 5 A. I don't think so.
- Q. How often do you use e-mail in the office?
- 7 A. Not very often.
- Q. Do you sometimes use e-mail to contact people
- 9 with whom Bagga Enterprises does business?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you sometimes use e-mail to contact people
- 12 with regard to your own personal financial matters in
- 13 the office?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Do you know how frequently e-mails are removed
- 16 from the system in your office?
- 17 A. Whose system? My system?
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. No.

- Q. Do you know who the Internet service provider is
- 21 that's used in your office?
- 22 A. AOL?
- Q. Do you send e-mails from home too?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- Q. Is AOL the Internet service provider for your
- 2 home computer also?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you use a different user name and domain name
- 5 at home from what you use at the office?
- 6 A. I don't understand what domain name is.
- Q. Is your address. Is your e-mail address the same
- 8 at home as at the office?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you use your e-mail at home for personal
- 11 financial matters?
- 12 A. I don't understand your question.
- Q. Do you ever use the e-mail account that you have
- 14 that you access at home in order to handle personal
- 15 financial matters either for yourself or for your
- 16 husband?
- 17 A. I don't think so, no
- Q. Do you ever send e-mails to people in India from
- 19 your home?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you ever send e-mails to India from your
- 22 office?

23 A. Yes, maybe.

Q. With whom do you correspond in India by e-mail?

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- 1 A. Friends, family.
- Q. Approximately, how many people are you
- 3 describing?

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- 4 A. 15, 20.
- Q. Are all of those people friends and family?
- 6 A. Yes.
- Q. When you correspond with the people in India, do
- 8 you ever correspond with them with regard to financial
- 9 matters?
- 10 MS. BASKIN: Objection to form.
- 11 A. I don't understand your question. What do you
- 12 mean by financial matters?
- Q. Matters relating to your own personal assets,
- 14 your banking accounts, your savings.
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Your property.
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. When you send correspondence from your house,
- 19 letters, do you save those on your computer at home?
- 20 MS. BASKIN: Objection to form.
- 21 MR. KIDD: Do you not understand the
- 22 question or do you think you should invoke the Fifth
- 23 Amendment? Invoke the Fifth Amendment.
- A. I don't understand what you're saying. If I save

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1 them or not?

- Q. If you write a letter to someone from your house,
- 3 do you save that on your computer?
- 4 A. Sometimes, yes.
- Q. Do you save it in hard copy? On paper?
- 6 A. I don't understand hard copy or the disk, how
- 7 it's saved.
- Q. In other words, do you save a piece of paper
- 9 which shows the document printed out or do you just save
- 10 it on the computer electronically?
- 11 A. Sometimes I would print it out. Sometimes I
- 12 would save it on the computer.
- 13 Q. Do you maintain a file of printed copies of
- 14 letters you send from home?
- MS. BASKIN: General objection to all
- 16 questions concerning her personal computer at home, as
- 17 to form.
- 18 MR. KIDD: Answer the question.
- 19 A. Can you repeat the question, please?
- 20 (Pertinent portion of the transcript were read by
- 21 the court reporter.)
- 22 A. Sometimes if I feel it's important, I do save it.
- 23 If I don't, I don't.
- Q. But at this point, do you have something that's

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1 called a correspondence file that shows the letters you Page 17

- 2 send?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. If you were looking to get a copy of a letter
- 5 that you sent that you think you saved on a piece of
- 6 paper, where do you go look for it?
- 7 A. On my desk.
- Q. Are all the letters you sent in one particular
- 9 place on your desk?
- 10 A. No. They're spread out on my desk.
- 11 Q. Is it your testimony that all the letters you've
- 12 ever sent that you kept copies of are spread out on your
- 13 desk?
- A. No. If I saved it, it should be there. If I
- 15 didn't save it, it's probably in the trash.
- Q. But if you saved it, it's sitting on top of your
- 17 desk.
- 18 Is that what you're saying?
- 19 A. Desk or in the office somewhere.
- Q. Did you say the desk or in your office somewhere?
- 21 A. Somewhere in the office.
- Q. Where else in your office might you save a
- 23 letter?
- 24 A. On the desk. There's other furniture in the

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1 office.

- Q. Do you have a filing cabinet at your home?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Do you ever put letters that you save inside
- 5 drawers as well as on top of the desk? Page 18

- 6 A. What letters are you talking about?
- 7 Q. The letters that you were just describing a
- 8 moment ago that you sent to other people and saved a
- 9 copy of.
- 10 A. Yes, they would be on the desk, in the drawer,
- 11 somewhere.
- 12 Q. If they're in the drawer, are they filed in any
- 13 particular way?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. They're not even filed chronologically?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Do you make a practice of reading your tax
- 18 returns before you sign them?
- 19 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights.
- 20 A. Relying on advice of my attorney, I invoke my
- 21 rights against self-incrimination under the Constitution
- 22 of the United States and refuse to answer your question.
- 23 Q. Have you ever had any discussions with either
- 24 Norman Cahan or any other accountant about your tax

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1 returns?

- 2 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights.
- 3 A. Relying on the advice of my attorney, I invoke my
- 4 rights against self-incrimination under the Constitution
- 5 of the United States and refuse to answer your question.
- 6 MR. HERMANN: I'm just going to point out
- 7 that these are questions that were not answered last
- 8 time and that the judge directed her to answer.

- 9 MR. KIDD: I'm aware that those questions
- 10 were asked last time with regard to her tax returns and
- 11 the questions involving Mr. Cahan.
- 12 With that awareness, I'm still advising her
- 13 to invoke her Fifth Amendment rights.
- 14 MR. HERMANN: I'm not going to repeat that
- 15 observation but it's going to apply to a lot of the
- 16 questions.
- 17 MR. KIDD: I guess I will give you a
- 18 continuing objection then.
- 19 MR. HERMANN: Continuing observation.
- 20 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 21 Q. Do you have a personal money manager?
- 22 A. No.

- Q. What's the amount of the mortgage on your home?
- A. About 8,000 dollars a month. I'm sorry.

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- 1 Q. What's the principal?
- 2 MR. KIDD: He asked you what is the
- 3 principal amount of the mortgage on your home.
- A. 1.6 million.
- 5 Q. Have you made any applications for loans in the
- 6 past two years?
- 7 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights under the
- 8 Fifth Amendment.
- 9 A. Relying on the advice of my attorney, I invoke my
- 10 right against self-incrimination under the Constitution
- 11 of the United States and refuse to answer your question.
- 12 Q. Is your home up for sale? Page 20

- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Have you given a listing to any broker?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Have you made any loan guarantees in the past two
- 17 years? That is -- I see you're looking at your lawyer.
- 18 MR. KIDD: She's looking to me for
- 19 clarification of the question, not for on whether to
- 20 invoke --

- 21 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 22 Q. I was going to clarify.
- 23 Do you know what I mean by a loan guarantee?
- 24 A. I don't understand.

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- 1 Q. Have you guaranteed the repayment of a loan that
- 2 somebody else took out in the last couple years?
- 3 A. Somebody else? Meaning who?
- Q. well, your husband or any other person, where you
- 5 quaranteed repayment of that loan. Children?
- 6 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights under the
- 7 Fifth Amendment.
- 8 A. Relying on the advice of my attorney, I invoke my
- 9 right against self-incrimination under the Constitution
- 10 of the United States and refuse to answer your question.
- 11 Q. Do you own any real estate other than your home,
- 12 either separately or jointly with somebody else?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. What real estate is that?
- 15 A. The office, 714 Bethlehem Pike.

- 16 Q. And what's your ownership interest in that?
- 17 A. I own hundred percent.
- 18 Q. Is there any mortgage on that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. What's the amount of the mortgage on that?
- 21 A. 244,000.
- Q. Do you own any other property besides that?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Do you have a brokerage account?

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1 A. Yes.

- 2 O. With what firm or firms?
- 3 A. Brown and Company.
- 4 Q. Any others?
- 5 A. I used to have Fidelity. I don't remember if
- 6 it's still there.
- 7 Q. That would be a mutual fund account?
- 8 A. I don't remember what it was.
- 9 Q. Do you have any mutual fund accounts?
- 10 A. I don't think so. I don't remember.
- 11 Q. You have a checking account with Sovereign Bank.
- 12 Is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And do you have a main branch for that, that you
- 15 deal with at Sovereign Bank?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. When you have to go in to see somebody at the
- 18 Bank, where would you go?
- 19 A. Wherever I am, I just go into any branch.
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- Q. Is it correct that one of the things that you've
- 21 done in connection with United Management and Bagga
- 22 Enterprises is to handle certain banking deposits?
- 23 A. Yes.

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Q. And can you tell me the names of all the banks in

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- 1 which you've deposited money on behalf of Bagga
- 2 Enterprises or United Management in the last two years?
- MR. KIDD: I'm instructing her to invoke her
- 4 Fifth Amendment rights.
- 5 A. Relying on the advice of my attorney, I invoke my
- 6 right against self-incrimination under the Constitution
- 7 of the United States and refuse to answer your question.
- Q. Now, another of your functions is writing checks
- 9 for those businesses.
- MS. BASKIN: Objection as to form.
- 12 A. Not anymore, no.
- Q. Was there a time when that was one of your
- 14 functions?
- 15 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights under the
- 16 Fifth Amendment. Just say, I'm invoking my rights under
- 17 the Fifth Amendment.
- 18 A. I'm invoking my rights under the Fifth Amendment.
- 19 Q. Can you tell me the names of all of the banks on
- 20 which you have, on behalf of Bagga Enterprises, United
- 21 Management or any other of the family-related
- 22 businesses, written checks in the past two years?

080703.txt 23 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights under the

24 Fifth Amendment.

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- Q. Have you set up any trusts in the last two years?
- 3 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights.
- 4 A. I invoke my rights under the Fifth Amendment.
- Q. Have you transferred any real or personal
- 6 property in the last six years?
- 7 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights.
- 8 A. I invoke my right against self-incrimination
- 9 under the Constitution of the United States and refuse
- 10 to answer your question.
- 11 Q. Have you assigned any property to creditors in
- 12 the last three years?
- 13 A. I don't understand. What do you mean?
- 14 Q. You know what a creditor is?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Have you ever, in last three years, assigned
- 17 anything to them in payment of a debt that you had to
- 18 them or that you and your husband collectively had to
- 19 them?
- 20 A. I don't know of anything, no.
- 21 Q. Did you ever borrow any money from the Singh
- 22 Brothers' trust?
- 23 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights.
- 24 A. I invoke my right under the Fifth Amendment.

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1 Q. Did you ever hear of the Singh Brothers trust? 2 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights under the 3 Fifth Amendment. 4 A. I invoke my right under the Fifth Amendment. 5 Did you know whether Amar Singh is one of the 6 Singh Brothers in the Singh Brothers trust? 7 MR. KIDD: Invoke your rights. 8 I invoke my right under the Fifth Amendment. 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the tape. 10 (Recess.) 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. 12 1:08. 13 MR. HERMANN: Mr. Kidd, we've run into some 14 of those directions not to answer that you warned us of. 15 I guess I would like to ask you now if you 16 would state for the record what the basis of this 17 direction is. 18 MR. KIDD: That, in my opinion, these 19 questions could tend to incriminate her by making a response to it or lead to a further question that could 20 21 tend to incriminate her. 22 In other words, some of the questions could 23 be a link in the chain, and the chain leading to areas 24 which would be -- where she would have a right of

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1 self-incrimination.

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- 2 But I'm not going to give you what the areas
- 3 of exposure are, for the record. If necessary, and this
- 4 comes to a Motion to Compel, I would gladly explain to
- 5 the judge on an exparte off the record representation as
- 6 to why there's a good faith basis for her to invoke her
- 7 Fifth Amendment rights on a selective basis.
- 8 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 9 Q. Mrs. Bagga, do you get paid by K and P Realty?
- 10 MR. KIDD: Don't shake your head. Answer
- 11 the question.
- 12 A. I don't understand. Do I get a paycheck?
- 13 Q. Yes.
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Has K and P sold any real estate?
- 16 A. Not that I know of, no.
- 17 Q. Have you ever seen a statement of the income and
- 18 expenses of K and P?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Do you have an ownership interest in K and P?
- 21 A. Yes.

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- Q. How much of it do you own?
- 23 A. Hundred percent.
- Q. Did you ever get any distributions of money from

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- 1 K and P? Separate from a paycheck.
- 2 A. I don't understand the question.
- Q. Did you ever get any money at all from K and P?
- 4 A. K and P did not pay me.
- Q. Did you ever sign a tax return for K and P?
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- 6 A. I don't remember, no.
- 7 Q. You told us last time about an entity called
- 8 Poojan, P-0-0-J-A-N.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. What does Poojan own?
- 11 A. It's owned by my husband.
- Q. Do you know what it, the company itself, owns, if
- 13 anything?
- 14 A. It owns one Arby's Restaurant.
- Q. And where is that?
- 16 A. In Pittston, Pennsylvania.
- 17 Q. Now, since your original deposition, have you
- 18 been out of the country?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Where did you go?
- 21 A. India and England.
- Q. And when did you go?
- 23 A. I think I left on the 17th of last month.
- 24 Q. July 17th?

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- 1 A. Around that time. I don't remember exact date.
- Q. And when did you return?
- A. 25th, 26th? Something.
- 4 Q. What airline did you travel on?
- 5 A. British Airways.
- 6 Q. Did you go on your own?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Did your son accompany you on part of the trip?

- 9 A. No.
- Q. Did he go to school in England during the summer?
- 11 A. Who?
- 12 Q. Your son.
- 13 A. No.
- Q. So can you tell me what your itinerary was, where
- 15 you went first and where you went second?
- 16 A. I went to India first and, on the way back, I
- 17 stopped in England.
- 18 Q. How long were you in England?
- 19 A. Two days.
- Q. Where did you stay?
- 21 A. With a friend of mine.
- Q. In what city?
- 23 A. Haunslow, I think.
- Q. So for five or six days, you were in India?

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1 A. Yes.

- Q. Where did you stay in India?
- 3 A. With my brother.
- 4 Q. In what city?
- 5 A. New Delhi.
- 6 Q. Did you stay with him the whole time?
- 7 A. No, I stayed with him part of the time. Part of
- 8 the time, I stayed with my friends.
- 9 Q. These are non-family friends you stayed with?
- 10 When you weren't staying with your brother, you
- 11 were staying with friends who were not part of your
- 12 family?

- 13 A. They're family also, I guess.
- Q. Were they also in New Delhi?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Did you rent a car while in India?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Do you have an Indian driver's license?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. When you're in India, if you need money, where do
- 21 you get it?
- 22 A. Get it from my brother, get it from my
- 23 mother-in-law.
- Q. Does your mother-in-law also live in New Delhi?

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1 A. No.

- Q. Where does she live?
- 3 A. She lives in a town called Kanpur, K-A-N-P-U-R.
- 4 Q. How far is that from New Delhi?
- 5 A. It's about five, six hours' drive.
- Q. Did you see her on your most recent trip?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. When was the last time you saw her?
- 9 A. In December.
- 10 Q. If you need money and you get it from your
- 11 brother, how do you pay him back?
- 12 A. I don't. I don't pay my brother back. I don't
- 13 have to.
- Q. Did you ever give him a check from an American
- 15 Bank and ask him to cash it for you?

- 16 A. I don't remember.
- 17 Q. If you buy something in India, how do you pay for
- 18 it?
- 19 A. Use a credit card.
- 20 Q. What credit card do you use?
- 21 A. American Express, Master Card.
- Q. On your most recent trip to India, did you charge
- 23 any purchases there?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. What did you buy?
- 2 A. Some clothes maybe.
- 3 Q. Anything else?
- 4 A. I don't think so, no.
- Q. Do you own any real estate in India?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Does your husband own any real estate in India?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Do you own any shares of any real estate?
- 10 Withdrawn.
- Do you own a partial interest in any real estate
- 12 in India?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. What business is your brother in in India?
- 15 A. He is in leather and apparel exports.
- 16 Q. Does he export to the United States?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Have you ever done any business with him in terms
- of leather or apparel exports?
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- 20 A. No.
- Q. Does he own his own business?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did you ever ask him whether he owns a business?
- 24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. Is there anybody else in your family who's in the
- 2 leather and apparel export business?
- A. No.
- 4 Q. Does your brother have a store?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. Is he in the wholesale part of the business?
- 7 A. I don't know details. I just know he's a man of
- 8 business.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether your husband has ever done
- 10 any business with your brother?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. Does your father maintain banking contacts in
- 13 India?
- 14 A. My father lives here now, so I don't know.
- Q. Was he formally involved in banking in India?
- 16 A. Yes. He was a chairman of one of the banks in
- 17 India.
- 18 Q. What Bank was that?
- 19 A. Penjobbinson (ph) Bank.
- Q. And when did he cease being the chairman of that
- 21 Bank?
- 22 A. I don't remember. A long time ago. About 15

23 years ago, I think.

Q. Does your father travel to India at times?

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- 1 A. Yes, sometimes he does.
- Q. Does he travel there more than once a year?
- 3 A. No, I don't think so.
- 4 Q. Do you know whether your father does any banking
- 5 business in India these days?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- 7 Q. Where does he live in America?
- 8 A. Lansdale, Pennsylvania.
- 9 Q. Do you own any assets in India?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you own any shares of any Indian companies?
- 12 A. I own share of one company, yes.
- Q. What company is that?
- 14 A. I don't remember the name. I think it's called
- 15 Pradeep Metals.
- 16 Q. Can you spell that?
- 17 A. P-R-A-D-E-E-P Metals.
- Q. Is that a publicly traded company?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- Q. How long have you had an ownership interest in,
- 21 that is to say, ownership interest in Pradeep Metals?
- 22 A. I don't remember. I think it would probably be
- 23 ten, 15 years ago.
- Q. Do you receive any income in connection with your

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- 1 ownership?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. Have you sold any assets in India in the past ten
- 4 years?

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- 5 A. I don't have any assets in India.
- Q. I understand. I'm asking you whether you sold
- 7 any and that's why you don't have any anymore.
- 8 A. I can't sell something I don't have. I don't
- 9 have assets in India.
- Q. And you haven't had any for the past ten years?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. In the last three years, have you visited any
- 13 banks in India?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Which banks have you visited?
- 16 A. ICICI Bank.
- 17 Q. And where is that?
- 18 A. In New Delhi.
- 19 Q. Any other banks?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Can you approximate in the last ten years how
- 22 many times you visited ICICI Bank?
- 23 A. I visited once last year.
- Q. What was the purpose of that visit?

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1 A. I opened an account.

- Q. Did you make an initial deposit in that account?
- A. Yes.
- 4 Q. How much did you deposit into the account?
- 5 A. \$200.
- 6 Q. And since that time, had you deposited any more
- 7 money in the account?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Have you withdrawn any money from the account?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Why did you open an account in India with \$200?
- 12 A. Just thought, I go to India, sometimes I need it,
- 13 get an ATM card, if I need cash, I can get money, you
- 14 can -- I was told you can use it from here because they
- 15 have a bank here, but I haven't used it.
- 16 Q. That's your only bank account in India?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do you have any bank accounts in any other
- 19 countries?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Have you closed any bank accounts in any other
- 22 countries in the last ten years?
- 23 A. No.

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Q. Does your husband have a bank account in India?

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- 1 A. I don't think so.
- Q. Have you ever asked any of your family members to
- 3 put some of your money in some of their accounts for
- 4 safe-keeping?
- 5 A. No.

- 6 Q. Had you visited any investment firms in India in
- 7 the past five years?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Have you spoken to any investment firms?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you have any securities accounts in any
- 12 investment firms?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Have you discussed business or financial matters
- 15 with anybody in India in the past year?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Did you keep any diary or any record of anybody
- 18 you met with in India in the last year?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Do you have a palm pilot?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. You don't have a personnel calendar?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Have you ever heard of something called Havala

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1 (ph)?

- 2 A. What is that?
- Q. I'm asking you whether you've heard of it.
- 4 A. No, I don't know what it is.
- Q. Have you ever been involved in currency exchange
- 6 transactions involving Indian and US currency?
- 7 A. No.
- Q. Has your husband ever been involved in currency

- 9 exchange transactions involving Indian and US currency?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. To your knowledge, has anyone ever come to you or
- 12 your husband and asked for -- planning to go to India
- 13 and asking -- for your husband or for you to, in
- 14 essence, exchange money for them that they can receive
- 15 when they get to India?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Have you ever seen a copy of a transcript of
- 18 deposition testimony in which your husband described how
- 19 he engaged in this practice?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Have you ever spoken to people in India about
- 22 their getting money out of the country by engaging in
- 23 this practice of currency exchange with people in
- 24 America?

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- 1 A. No.
- Q. Are you aware of whether there were any controls
- 3 on people taking money out of India who live there?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- Q. Is it your testimony you've never heard that it's
- 6 difficult for people with wealth in India to take that
- 7 money out of the country?
- 8 A. I don't know what the system is.
- 9 Q. You've never heard that, that it's difficult for
- 10 people with money to get the money out of the country?
- 11 A. No.
- Q. You've never seen people at your house coming to Page 36

- 13 see your husband about giving him money that would then
- 14 be paid to them once they get to India?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. On any of your trips to India, did you ever
- 17 discuss currency exchange with anybody there?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did you ever hear of a practice whereby people
- 20 who were privately doing currency exchange could give
- 21 more favorable rates to people than the official quoted
- 22 rate?

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- 23 A. I don't know.
- Q. You file a joint tax return with your husband.

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- 1 Is that correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you read it before you sign it?
- 4 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever notice on the tax return whether
- 6 there's any money listed there for commissions earned on
- 7 currency exchange?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. You know who Ravi Chawla is; right? You
- 10 testified about him at the last deposition?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Have you ever talked to him about currency
- 13 exchange?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. On your most recent trip to India, did you speak

- 080703.txt to either of your husband's brothers?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Which one or both?
- 19 A. Both of them.
- Q. What are their names?
- 21 A. Surjit, S-U-R-J-I-T, Bagga, and the other one is
- 22 Narender, N-A-R-E-N-D-E-R.
- Q. Where do they live?
- 24 A. Kanpur, K-A-N-P-U-R.

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- Q. Did you see them there or did you see them in New
- 2 Delhi?

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- 3 A. I said I talked to them. I didn't see them.
- 4 Q. I'm sorry. You spoke to them on a cell phone
- 5 while you were there?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you do any business with them?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Did you discuss financial matters at all with
- 10 them?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Have you ever spoken to either one of them about
- 13 financial matters of a personal nature?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Have you ever talked to either one of them about
- 16 business matters?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Your conversations were purely social and family?
- 19 A. Yes.

- Q. Do you have a lawyer in India?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever have a lawyer in India?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Is there a family lawyer in India that you know?

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1 A. No.

- Q. Have you ever been to a lawyer's office in India?
- A. No.
- 4 Q. Ever sat down and met with a lawyer in India?
- 5 A. Well, I have some lawyers in the family, some
- 6 relatives. I know them.
- Q. Have you ever consulted them about legal matters?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. You mentioned at your last deposition the
- 10 countries that you had visited on what then had been
- 11 your most recent trip abroad.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Are there any other countries you visited in the
- 14 past five years besides the ones you told me about last
- 15 time?
- A. No. I think I told you most of them, from what I
- 17 remember.
- 18 Q. Do you have bank accounts in any of those
- 19 countries?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Do you have securities accounts in any of those
- 22 countries?

23 A. No.

Q. Do you own property in any of those countries?

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1 A. No.

- Q. And in the last five years, have you made any
- 3 purchases over \$5,000 in any of those countries?
- 4 A. No, I don't think so.
- THE WITNESS: Can you put the air conditioner
- 6 down? It's cold again.
- 7 (Recess.)
- 8 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 9 Q. You had or have a company called KB Apparel?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Does that still exist?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. During what period did it exist?
- 14 A. In the early '90s.
- 15 Q. Approximately, when did it cease to exist?
- 16 A. Somewhere in the mid '90.
- 17 Q. Did KB Apparel operate Sunshine Blues Apparel
- 18 stores?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. How many?
- 21 A. At its peak, it operated five stores.
- Q. And when KB Apparel ceased to be in business, did
- 23 those stores close?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Who handled the books for KP Apparel?
- 2 A. You mean the accountant?
- Q. Yes.

- 4 A. John Melkowski.
- 5 Q. Can you spell that for us?
- 6 A. J-O-H-N, M-E-L-K-O-W-S-K-I.
- 7 Q. Was he someone who was an outside accounting firm
- 8 or someone who was a bookkeeper inside?
- 9 A. Outside.
- 10 Q. Who handled the books for you in terms of your
- 11 internal records? Did you have a bookkeeper?
- 12 A. No. I did.
- 13 Q. Did Sunshine Blues sell brand name jeans?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. What else did it sell?
- 16 A. Jean, shirts, T-shirts, sneakers.
- 17 Q. Was it for men and women?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Why did the business close?
- 20 A. You mean my business?
- 21 Q. Yes.
- 22 A. I decided to close it because my kids were too
- 23 young and they needed for me to be home.
- Q. Was there a relationship between KB Apparel and

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1 Sunshine Blues, on the one hand, and American

- 2 Merchandising Company on the other?
- A. No.
- 4 Q. These were completely separate businesses?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Who owned American Merchandising Company?
- 7 A. When?
- 8 Q. Well, at one point, your husband owned it.
- 9 Isn't that right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And prior to your husband's owning it, Ravi
- 12 Chawla owned it.
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Who owned it before your husband?
- 16 A. GT Chawla.
- 17 Q. Did GT Chawla own it 100 percent?
- 18 A. I don't know the percentages.
- 19 Q. And when did your husband acquire American
- 20 Merchandising from GT Chawla?
- 21 A. I don't remember exact time.
- Q. Was it in or about the late 1990s?
- 23 A. Yes, somewhere in the late 1990s.
- Q. When Mr. Chawla owned it, did your husband also

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1 have a position there?

- 2 A. I don't know. I don't remember.
- Q. Did you ever hear that he was the vice president
- 4 of American Merchandising?
- 5 A. Maybe he was. I don't remember. Page 42

- 6 Q. Do you know whether he actually worked in the
- 7 American Merchandising business before he owned it?
- 8 A. I know he was working with GT Chawla to acquire
- 9 the company. I don't know how they worked on.
- 10 Q. What I'm asking is, before he acquired the
- 11 company, did he actually go to work there, do some work
- 12 for the company as an employee or otherwise?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. What did American Merchandising do? What was its
- 15 business?
- 16 A. It was in the clothing business.
- 17 Q. What part of the clothing business was it in?
- 18 Did it buy clothes, sell clothes, make clothes, export?
- 19 A. Buy and sell.
- Q. What did it buy? What kinds of clothes did it
- 21 buy?

- 22 A. Name brand clothes.
- Q. Was it a wholesaler, a distributor?
- A. They were in the trading business.

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- Q. It didn't own any stores, it had retail outlets?
- A. No, not that I know of, no.
- 3 Q. So it would buy from manufacturers? Am I
- 4 understanding you correctly? or distributors? I'm
- 5 asking you to tell me about what you know about what
- 6 that business did.
- 7 A. They were in the business of buying and selling.
- 8 Q. Okay. Who were they buying from? Who were they

- 9 selling to?
- 10 A. They had customers. I don't know the details.
- 11 Q. Have you told me everything you know about how
- 12 this business operated? You don't know who they bought
- 13 from or who they sold to?
- 14 A. I don't know the names of all the companies they
- 15 did business with.
- 16 Q. Do you know anything they ever sold?
- 17 A. They sold jeans, sneakers, shorts.
- 18 Q. Did they sell them in this country or did -- or
- 19 did they ship them elsewhere?
- 20 A. I don't know the details.
- 21 Q. Do you know anything more than you've just told
- 22 me?

- 23 A. I just know they were in the trading business.
- Q. When you say they were in the trading business,

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1 is that different from buying and selling?

- 2 A. No.
- Q. Do you know whether they got goods from
- 4 manufacturers?
- 5 A. It could be manufacturers or distributors or just
- 6 other wholesalers.
- 7 Q. You were the secretary of the company. Weren't
- 8 you?
- 9 A. In the beginning, yes.
- 10 Q. When Mr. Chawla owned it?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. For how long?

- 13 A. Couple of years, I think.
- 14 Q. When you were the secretary, did you actually go
- 15 to work there?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. What did you do as the secretary?
- 18 A. Not much.
- 19 Q. Did you do anything?
- 20 A. No, not really.
- Q. Did you earn any income for being secretary?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. who asked you to be the secretary?
- 24 A. GT Chawla.

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- Q. Did he ever tell you why he wanted you to be the
- 2 secretary?
- 3 A. No. I guess they needed help, but then there
- 4 wasn't much to do, so I didn't do anything.
- Q. Did they actually have an office anyplace?
- 6 A. I don't think so, no.
- 7 Q. Did they have a warehouse?
- 8 A. They probably did, yeah.
- 9 Q. If they did, you never saw it?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. So when you said they were trading goods, do you
- 12 know where they ever actually took delivery of these
- 13 goods or they simply bought and sold contracts for
- 14 goods?
- 15 A. Sometimes they did take delivery, I'm sure.

- 16 Q. You were never paid a salary by them?
- 17 A. Not that I remember, no.
- 18 Q. Did you ever talk to GT Chawla about the
- 19 business?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Were you ever present when your husband talked to
- 22 the Chawlas about buying the business?
- 23 A. No.

Q. Do you have any idea what the terms of the

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- 1 purchase and sale were?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Do you have any idea what your husband did as the
- 4 vice president of finance before he bought the company?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Do you have any idea what Mr. Singh did as the
- 7 other vice president of the company before your husband
- 8 bought it?
- 9 A. Mr. Singh? Who is that?
- 10 Q. Amar Singh. Wasn't he also a vice president of
- 11 that company?
- 12 A. Not that I know of.
- 13 Q. Have you ever written a check to American
- 14 Merchandising Company?
- 15 A. Yes, I might have.
- 16 Q. Do you remember doing so?
- 17 A. I don't remember it but I might have written some
- 18 checks.
- 19 Q. Why would you have written the check to American Page 46

- 20 Merchandising?
- 21 A. I don't remember.
- 22 Q. What makes you think you did?
- 23 A. I said I don't remember. I might have. I don't
- 24 remember. I didn't say I did.

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- 1 Q. Is there any reason you can think why you might
- 2 have written a check to American Merchandising?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. As you sit here today, you don't have any actual
- 5 memory of having done so. You just think you might
- 6 have.

- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Now, you know a company also called World
- 10 Apparel.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Was World Apparel in the business of exporting
- 14 clothing?
- 15 A. I think so, yes.
- 16 Q. Did you have any ownership interest in World
- 17 Apparel?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did your husband have any ownership interest in
- 20 World Apparel?
- 21 A. Not that I know of, no.
- Q. When did you first hear of that company?

23 A. World Apparel?

24 Q. Yes.

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- 1 A. 18 years ago maybe?
- Q. 1985, approximately?
- 3 A. '86.
- 4 Q. And in what context did you hear of world Apparel
- 5 in 1986?
- 6 A. When we had the Sunshine Blue franchises, they
- 7 were the franchisor for Sunshine Blues.
- Q. Who ran World Apparel Products in those days, if
- 9 you know?
- 10 A. All the Chawla brothers.
- 11 Q. Did you talk to any of them at that time about
- 12 World Apparel Products?
- 13 A. At that time?
- Q. When you first became a franchisee?
- 15 A. Talk to them about what?
- 16 Q. Talk about anything. In other words, that's when
- 17 you met the Chawlas, when you became a franchisee?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. But there's some family relationship between you
- 20 and the Chawlas, isn't there, that preexisted you
- 21 becoming a franchisee?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. But you hadn't met them before that?
- 24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. Did World Apparel Products ever engage in
- 2 business transactions with American Merchandising?
- 3 A. I think, yes.
- Q. When you say "I think, yes," you're not sure or
- 5 you are sure?

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- 6 A. I think they did.
- 7 Q. Is there something that makes you uncertain about
- 8 whether it did?
- 9 A. No. I think they did business, yes.
- 10 Q. Did they do business regularly?
- 11 A. I don't know how regularly, but --
- 12 Q. What was the nature of the business that they did
- 13 with each other, these two companies?
- 14 A. Just the clothing business they did.
- Q. What part of the clothing business did they do
- 16 transactions with? Was one a buyer and the other a
- 17 seller? Did they do joint ventures? Were they
- 18 partners? I'm trying to get you to tell me what you
- 19 know about.
- 20 A. I don't know details, how they worked
- Q. What makes you think they did business then?
- 22 A. I just think they did business. I don't know how
- 23 or what. I don't know the details.
- Q. Who runs World Apparel Products now?

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1 A. I don't know.

- Do you know who ran World Apparel Products at any 2 Q.
- time? 3
- Chawla brothers, all the brothers ran it. 4 Α.
- All of them? 5 Q.
- Yes, they all worked. I don't know who did what. 6
- Did you ever talk to any of the Chawla brothers 7
- about the company, World Apparel Products? 8
- About the company for what? 9
- Any aspect of the company. Did the name "world 10
- Apparel Products" ever come up in any of your 11
- conversations with any of the Chawlas? 12
- 13 Α. No.
- So how did you know they had any ownership 14 Q.
- interest? 15
- Because we bought the franchise from them. 16 Α.
- You bought the franchise for Sunshine Blues? 17
- Α. Yes. 18
- How did you know it did business with American 19
- Merchandising? 20
- American Merchandise came later on. 21
- When did American Merchandising come? 22 Q.
- Somewhere in the '90s. 23 Α.
- That was after you closed the Sunshine Blues 24 Q.

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stores? 1

- A. Yes, I think so. 2
- But at some point, your husband bought American 3
- Merchandise from the Chawlas, and then engaged in 4
- business transactions with World Apparel Products, also 5 Page 50

- 6 with the Chawlas.
- 7 Did you have any understanding what those
- 8 business transactions were?
- 9 MS. BASKIN: Objection as to form.
- 10 A. No.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Can I take a break?
- 12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the tape, 1:53.
- 13 (Recess.)
- 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.
- 15 2:07.
- 16 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 17 Q. Mrs. Bagga, did there ever come a time when you
- 18 learned that the company that your husband owned 100
- 19 percent of, American Merchandising, had advanced more
- 20 than 6 million dollars to World Apparel Products and had
- 21 lost that money?
- 22 A. Yes.

- 23 Q. When did you come to learn that?
- 24 A. About two and a half years ago. Something like

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- 1 that, two, two and a half years.
- 2 Q. How did you learn that?
- 3 A. Paul told me that when they were doing business
- 4 with World Apparel, they had advanced them money and
- 5 lost the money.
- 6 Q. And World Apparel had lost the money?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did you ever come to learn more information about

- 9 it than what you just told me?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did you ever ask anybody else for more details
- 12 about what had happened?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Was there ever a time in your life when a
- 15 business that you were involved in had lost more than 6
- 16 million dollars?
- 17 A. Can you repeat the question?
- 18 Q. Is that the first time in your life that one of
- 19 the businesses that you or your family was involved in
- 20 had lost 6 million dollars?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Chawla for an explanation of
- 23 what happened?
- 24 A. No.

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1 Q. In the last two years, how many times have you

- 2 seen Ravi Chawla?
- 3 A. Quite a few times.
- 4 Q. More than ten?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. More than 25?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Weren't you ever curious to ask him what happened
- 9 to the 6 million dollars?
- 10 A. I was just told lost the money in business.
- 11 Q. Did Ravi Chawla tell you that?
- 12 A. Paul told me.

- 13 Q. But you never asked Ravi.
- 14 Is that right?
- 15 A. No. I did ask Ravi and he said it was business
- 16 losses, that's all.
- 17 Q. When did you ask Ravi Chawla about the loss?
- 18 A. I don't remember when.
- 19 Q. Tell me, as best as you can recall, what you said
- 20 to him and what he said to you when you asked him about
- 21 that.
- 22 A. About two years ago, I guess, when this thing
- 23 happened when Paul told me, and then I asked Ravi and
- 24 they said they have business losses.

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- Q. was that, as far as you can recall, the phrase he
- 2 used, business losses?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you ask anything further?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. Did you ask him why they had the business losses?
- 7 A. I know they had business losses. Why business
- 8 losses -- I know they went out of business, they had
- 9 business losses.
- 10 Q. What was your understanding of what the 6 plus
- 11 million dollars was for that had been transferred from
- 12 American Merchandising to World Apparel?
- 13 A. I guess some business transactions that the money
- 14 was advanced to World Apparel, and I guess they made
- 15 some bad transactions.

- 080703.txt That's when they had the business losses. 16
- Q. As you sit here today, you don't know what those 17
- bad transactions were? 18
- No. 19 Α.
- Even in general terms? 20 Q.
- No. Α. 21
- Q. And you never asked anybody about it other than 22
- Ravi Chawla who said they were business losses? 23
- A. Yes. 24

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- Q. Did you ever ask any of the other Chawlas about 1
- what happened? 2
- A. No. 3
- Did Ravi Chawla ever say, in words or substance, 4
- he will try to make it up to you? 5
- A. I know Paul filed a judgment; so he said that if 6
- the business -- if business picks up, they will pay it 7
- back. 8
- Who said that to you, if anyone? Who said if the 9
- business picks up, they'll pay it back? 10
- That's what Paul said to me. 11
- Paul said to you that if World Apparel's business 12
- picked up, World Apparel would pay back --13
- Yeah, if they lost the money, they would pay 14 Α.
- 15 back.
- Did World Apparel's business ever pick up? 16 Q.
- I don't know of that. I don't think so. 17 Α.
- Now, you said a moment ago that your husband 18 ο.
- filed a judgment. 19

- 20 You mean he sued -- that he had his company sue
- 21 their company?
- 22 Is that your understanding?
- 23 A. I know there was a judgment. I don't know the
- 24 details.

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- 1 Q. Do you know whether American Merchandising sued
- 2 World Apparel for the money that was lost?
- 3 A. I think that's what they did, yes.
- 4 Q. And is it your understanding that World Apparel
- 5 didn't defend that suit and admitted that it owed the
- 6 money?
- 7 A. I think, yeah, that money is owed to American
- 8 Merchandise. That's what the lawsuit was filed for.
- 9 Q. Did anyone ever tell you why world Apparel owes
- 10 that money to American Merchandising if those were
- 11 business losses?
- 12 A. I know the money was lost. That's why there was
- 13 a lawsuit.
- 14 Q. As far as you understand, did World Apparel
- 15 Products do something wrong that caused it to owe the
- 16 money to American Merchandising?
- 17 A. I don't know, no
- 18 Q. Do you know whether there was a contract or loan
- 19 agreement that required world Apparel to pay the money
- 20 back to American Merchandising even if it were lost?
- 21 A. I don't know that.
- Q. Did anyone ever tell you whether the money that

- was given by American Merchandising to World Apparel was 23
- a loan? 24

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I don't know the detail, whether it was a loan or 1

- what the nature of the transaction was. 2
- I just know the money was lost in business. I 3
- don't know the details, how it was. 4
- Now, if American Merchandising collected on that 5
- judgment which was for more than 6 million dollars, I 6
- will represent to you, that would have been money that 7
- went to your family 100 percent. Wouldn't it? 8
- MS. BASKIN: Objection as to form. 9
- Α. No. 10
- Didn't your husband own a hundred percent of the Q. 11
- company? 12
- A. Yeah, but it has to go back to the bank. 13
- Q. And your husband would have used part of that to 14
- pay off the bank; right, if he had gotten it? 15
- A. Yes. 16
- And how much was owed to the Bank? 17
- A. I don't know. 18
- Wasn't the Bank owed 5 million dollars? 19 Q.
- A. Yeah, I think so. 20
- Wouldn't there have been more than a million and 21
- a half or 800,000 dollars left over for you if they 22
- collected on that judgment? 23
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Is it your testimony you never tried to find out
- 2 why it couldn't collect on that judgment?
- 3 A. I just said that Paul said that when -- if they
- 4 get the business, they'll recover a judgment.
- I don't know how the judgment works, how it was
- 6 supposed to be collected. World Apparel is not in
- 7 business anymore right now; so I don't know how they're
- 8 doing it.

- 9 Q. Do you know whether any law firm was ever hired
- 10 to collect that judgment?
- 11 A. No, I don't.
- 12 Q. Do you know whether the judgment was assigned to
- 13 -- to the bank that had lent the money for that
- 14 transaction?
- 15 A. Yeah, I believe it was assigned to the bank.
- 16 Q. And the entire judgment was assigned to that
- 17 bank. Wasn't it?
- 18 A. I don't know the details, how the entire or what
- 19 was ordered. I know there was an assignment to the
- 20 bank. I don't know amounts.
- 21 Q. Now, do you know whether any of your personal
- 22 money, your family's personal money, was included among
- 23 the 6.8 million dollars that was advanced?
- 24 A. No, I don't know.

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1 Q. If there was 1.8 million dollars that was

- 2 advanced above and beyond the 5 million dollars from the
- 3 bank, your testimony is you don't know where that came
- 4 from?
- 5 A. No. I don't know the details. I was not a part
- 6 of American Merchandise.
- 7 Q. Did you ever talk to Ravi Chawla about the loans
- 8 that had been obtained from Captec?
- 9 A. No. You know what? I just want to go back on
- 10 one thing.
- 11 Part of -- you said 6.8. I think part of it is
- 12 the profits from the previous transactions. That's how
- 13 it made it up to -- that's what I believe.
- Q. Part of the --
- 15 (Pertinent portion of the notes of testimony was
- 16 read.)

- 17 A. You said 5 million was the loan and you said how
- 18 did the extra money. I think part of it was the profits
- 19 from the previous transactions.
- Q. What previous transactions?
- 21 A. Of American Merchandise.
- Q. Did American Merchandise have profits?
- 23 A. Yes. I think that's what part of it is.
- Q. So American Merchandise had a million, 800,000

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- 1 dollars in profits?
- 2 A. I said a part. I didn't say all of it.
- 3 Q. I'm sorry. Go ahead. Complete your answer.
- 4 A. I think a part of it would be the profits from
- 5 the previous transactions. I don't know the details. I Page 58

- 6 was not a part of American Merchandise.
- 7 Q. Did you ever see any paperwork that documented
- 8 this loan advance -- did you ever see any paperwork that
- 9 documented this advance of funds by American Merchandise
- 10 to World Apparel?
- 11 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever ask whether there was any paperwork
- 13 for it?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever play any role in connection with the
- 16 banking or financial work that was involved in actually
- 17 making a transfer of 6.8 million dollars?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did you ever notice whether any of the financial
- 20 records of American Merchandise or any of the other
- 21 Bagga family companies reflected that transfer?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Did you have any role whatsoever in connection
- 24 with obtaining the loan from First International Bank or

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- 1 Export/Import Bank for that 5 million dollars?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever have any dealings with anybody from
- 4 that bank or banks?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. Is World Apparel Products, as far as you know,
- 7 out of business today?
- 8 A. Yes.

- 9 Q. Has any of the Chawlas, Ravi Chawla or any of the
- 10 others, ever said to you that somehow they'll try to
- 11 make it up to you since World Apparel has gone out of
- 12 business?
- 13 A. They said they're trying to get back into the
- 14 business, and they would pay it back if and when the
- 15 business is back.
- 16 Q. Who said that to you?
- 17 A. Ravi Chawla.
- 18 Q. He said to you that, if I'm paraphrasing
- 19 incorrectly, tell me, that they would like to get back
- 20 into that kind of business and, if they did, they would
- 21 try to make it up to you?
- 22 A. They would pay it back, yes.
- 23 O. Did Ravi Chawla ever tell you what efforts First
- 24 International Bank had made to collect from them on the

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1 judgment?

2 A. No.

- 3 Q. Did you ever ask him about that?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Are you in the clothing distribution business
- 6 today?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Are you in any kind of clothing business today?
- 9 A. We are in -- we are trying to develop some home
- 10 furnishing business.
- 11 Q. I just want to read something from the transcript
- of your deposition. This is on page 73 going over to Page 60

- 13 page 74.
- 14 "Are there any other businesses you go to?
- 15 Answer: Yes.
- 16 Question: What's that?
- 17 Answer: I work on various transactions for
- 18 clothing distributions.
- 19 And I asked you, what that meant and you say, "I
- 20 worked on transactions for supplying goods to different
- 21 stores," and then on page 75 you said, "I work for
- 22 myself, some friends and family."
- 23 Is that something you do currently?
- 24 A. Yeah, that's what I'm saying. We're trying to

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- 1 develop some home furnishing and home furnishing is made
- 2 out of clothing, pillows, throws.
- 3 Q. I see. Do you have a store?
- 4 A. No.
- Q. So when you said you worked for friends and
- 6 family, who do you work for?
- 7 A. I don't work for friends and family, with friends
- 8 and family.
- 9 Q. You were working with friends and family.
- 10 Is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And who were the friends and family you work
- 13 with?
- 14 A. We're trying to develop this home furnishing
- 15 business from India. I said I have friends and family

- \$080703.txt\$ who are in this line. That's what we're trying to 16
- develop here. 17
- Q. My question was who are the friends and family 18
- who are working with you? 19
- My friends that own companies in India who are in 20
- the home furnishing business right now. 21
- Are these people supplying you with goods? 22
- Nobody is supplying me anything. We're trying to 23
- develop this business and when it develops, then they 24

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- will supply me. 1
- Q. Have you obtained any financial backing for this 2
- business in this country? 3
- I don't have any orders. We're trying to develop 4
- it and, once it's there orders, then we'll get the 5
- financial backing. 6
- And there's no company you've set up to do this 7
- 8 yet.
- Is that correct? 9
- Right now, I don't have any company. 10
- You spoke last time about Brand Trade. 11 Q.
- Is that correct? 12
- Yes. 13 Α.
- What's the relationship of Brand Trade to 14
- American Merchandising? Or what was it? 15
- I don't think there's any relationship to 16
- American Merchandise. There's no relationship to 17
- American Merchandise, from what I know. 18
- Q. I think you testified Brand Trade trades brand 19 Page 62

- 20 name clothing in the United States and overseas.
- 21 Is that correct?
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Does it still exist?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. And when was it started?
- 2 A. I don't know exact time when it started. Couple
- 3 of years ago.
- 4 Q. After you closed the Sunshine Blues' stores?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And what's your role in that?
- 7 A. Tried to get business, get any orders, any
- 8 transactions.
- 9 Q. Get orders to do what?
- 10 A. To do business.
- 11 Q. What kind of business?
- 12 A. We're trying to, like I said, trying to develop
- 13 home furnishings. If we do get any orders, might do it
- 14 with Brand Trade.
- 15 Q. Does it currently do any business, Brand Trade?
- 16 A. I don't know if currently doing any transactions,
- 17 no.
- 18 Q. Who owns the company?
- 19 A. Paul Bagga.
- Q. Does he own it all?
- 21 A. Pardon?
- Q. Does he own it 100 percent?

- 23 A. Yeah, I think so.
- Q. Is there anybody who manages that business?

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- 1 A. He does.
- Q. Do you know of any transactions that Brand Trade
- 3 has done in the past? It's bought something and sold
- 4 something? Something that of nature?
- 5 A. I don't know the details.
- 6 Q. How do you even know it exists?
- 7 A. I just know it's there because I saw any
- 8 business, if we get any transactions, we can do it with
- 9 Brand Trade, so that's why I know the company is there.
- 10 Q. If you get any business of what sort you could do
- 11 it with Brand Trade?
- 12 A. If we get any orders, we're trying to develop the
- 13 home furnishing, if I get any orders, then we can do it
- 14 on the Brand Trade Company.
- 15 Q. Did you ever write any checks to Brand Trade?
- 16 A. Hum?
- 17 Q. Did you ever write any checks to Brand Trade?
- 18 A. Might have signed something, checks.
- 19 MR. KIDD: He asked did you write any checks
- 20 to Brand Trade.
- 21 A. No, I don't remember.
- Q. Do you remember writing one in May, on May 12th,
- 23 for 8800 dollars from your checking account?
- 24 A. I don't remember.

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- Q. Do you have any idea why you might have written a
- 2 check for 8800 dollars to Brand Trade on May 12th of
- 3 2003?

- 4 A. No, I don't.
- Q. Do you recall owing Brand Trade any money for
- 6 anything?
- 7 A. No.
- Q. Are there any other businesses you are involved
- 9 in with the Chawlas other than the ones I've asked you
- 10 about and you've told me about today and the last time?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Is your husband doing a real estate deal with the
- 13 Chawlas at the moment?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. Do you know whether your husband and the Chawlas
- 16 are bidding on certain properties in connection with the
- 17 bankruptcy court in Philadelphia at the moment,
- 18 together?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Do you know whether you, your husband and the
- 21 Chawlas have tried to buy properties at bankruptcy
- 22 auctions together at any time in the past?
- 23 A. No, I don't think so.
- Q. Do you have any concern about losing any more

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1 money with the Chawlas?

- 2 A. I don't understand your question.
- Q. Do you have any concern about going forward with
- 4 any other business ventures with the Chawlas in light of
- 5 the losses on the American Merchandising transaction
- 6 with the World Apparel Products?
- 7 A. I don't have any business with them right now.
- 8 Q. You trust them as business people?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether your husband had a dispute
- 11 with a man named Dave Bhasin, B-H-A-S-I-N, I think,
- 12 before the break-up of their relationship?
- 13 A. I know Dave Bhasin was his partner and they
- 14 split.
- Q. Do you know why?
- 16 A. They decided to go their own ways.
- 17 Q. Did you ever hear from Dave Bhasin, why he
- 18 decided to go his own way?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Did anyone ever tell you that Dave Bhasin thought
- 21 your husband was skimming cash from the business?
- 22 A. Pardon?
- 23 (Pertinent portion of the transcript was read by
- 24 the court reporter.)

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1 A. No.

- Q. Do you know what skimming cash is?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Were they in the franchise business together,
- 5 Dave Bhasin and your husband? Page 66

- 6 A. They were in the Arby's business together.
- 7 Q. You never heard them have a disagreement about
- 8 this issue of whether your husband was taking cash from
- 9 the business and not telling him about it?
- 10 A. I don't understand how you take cash out from
- 11 business, you know, the restaurant, the managers deposit
- 12 the money. I don't understand how you take the cash
- 13 out.
- 14 Q. Suppose the managers don't deposit the money?
- 15 A. That's what they're supposed to do. Paul does
- 16 not work in the restaurants.
- 17 Q. Did you ever make cash deposits in excess of 500
- 18 dollars?
- 19 A. Where?
- 20 Q. Anywhere.
- 21 A. Yeah.

- Q. where have you made those deposits?
- 23 A. In the bank account.
- Q. How many bank accounts are we talking about?

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1 A. What do you mean how many?

- Q. Tell me the names of the banks in which you have
- 3 deposited more than 500 dollars in cash in the last
- 4 three years.
- 5 A. Personal account.
- 6 Q. How about business accounts?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 o. Which ones?

- 9 A. United, Bagga, Welcome.
- 10 Q. Have you ever directed anybody else to make bank
- 11 deposits of cash in excess of 500 dollars?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Who did you direct to do that?
- 14 A. Paul.
- 15 Q. Now, these accounts, United, Bagga, Welcome, what
- 16 banks were they in?
- 17 A. Sovereign, PNC, Commerce, Citizens.
- 18 Q. Where did the cash come from?
- 19 A. That was deposited?
- 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. Transfer money from one account to the other.
- 22 Q. I'm asking about cash deposits. Where did the
- 23 cash come from?
- 24 A. Took the cash from one account to deposit into

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- 1 the other account.
- 2 If one account needed the money, they needed,
- 3 short of cash; so took the cash out of one account and
- 4 put it into the other account with another bank.
- Q. And that's the only times you deposited cash in
- 6 accounts, when you would literally take cash out of one
- 7 account and put cash in another account?
- 8 A. Yes. Usually.
- 9 Q. So you didn't make any deposits of cash that came
- 10 from an outside source and put that in one of those
- 11 accounts?
- 12 A. I don't remember, no. Page 68

- Q. So the records of the businesses will reflect a
- 14 cash withdrawal from one account and a cash deposit in
- 15 another account at approximately the same time, if
- 16 they're correct?
- 17 A. Yes, they should.
- 18 Q. Did Paul Bagga ever give you cash to deposit in
- 19 one of the business accounts?
- 20 A. Yeah, he might have some times.
- 21 Q. Did he?
- 22 A. I don't remember. I'm sure. Whoever was going
- 23 to the bank takes the bank deposits. If I'm going to
- the bank, he would give me the money to deposit.

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- 1 Q. Did he ever give you cash to deposit into your
- 2 personal accounts?
- 3 A. No, I don't remember that.
- 4 Q. Never.
- 6 A. I don't remember him giving me cash to deposit
- 7 into my account.
- Q. To your knowledge, did he ever deposit cash in
- 9 amounts exceeding 500 dollars in one of your personal
- 10 accounts?
- 11 A. He might have. I don't know. I don't remember.
- 12 Q. What makes you think he might have?
- 13 A. Sometimes if I need the money in my account, I
- 14 could tell him I need money, he will deposit it in the
- 15 account.

- 16 I don't know if he's depositing cash or check or
- 17 transfer. I don't know how he would do that.
- 18 Q. Did you ever read the bank statements of your
- 19 personal accounts?
- 20 A. It says deposit. I don't know how it comes as
- 21 cash or check. I don't know.
- Q. You don't know whether it indicates whether it's
- 23 a cash deposit or a check?
- 24 A. I'm sure it indicates it, but I don't look. I

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- 1 just see the deposit.
- Q. When you deposit money in one of your personal
- 3 accounts, do you get a deposit ticket, a receipt?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. Doesn't that indicate whether it's cash or a
- 6 check?
- 7 A. Yeah, I guess it would.
- Q. Do you ever review those tickets? Withdrawn.
- 9 Does Paul give you those tickets?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you know what he does with them?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Do you ever pay contractors or vendors in cash?
- 14 A. What kind of contractor?
- Q. Any kind of business or personal contractor,
- 16 someone who paints your house, someone who fixes your
- 17 computers in the office. Anybody.
- 18 Did you ever pay people in cash?
- 19 A. I don't understand. Sometimes in Arby's, had to Page 70

- 20 pay cash to some of the vendors.
- 21 Q. I'm asking about you personally.
- 22 A. Cash to like what? Somebody cleans my car,
- 23 somebody cleans my house, I will pay them cash, yes.
- O. Amounts in excess of 500 dollars.

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- 1 A. I don't remember.
- Q. Do you ever buy items for more than 500 dollars
- 3 for cash?
- 4 A. No, not really.
- Q. Did you ever hear any discussion about employees
- 6 skimming cash at the Scranton or Wilks Barre stores?
- 7 A. I know there was a theft problem I had heard once
- 8 in the Scranton area at one of the stores.
- 9 Q. What did you hear about the theft problem in the
- 10 Scranton area?
- 11 A. Just heard there was some cash theft problem in
- 12 the store. That's all I know.
- 13 Q. Who told you that?
- 14 A. Paul.
- 15 Q. Did you ever ask for any more information about
- 16 it?
- 17 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever find out who the employee or
- 19 employees were who were involved in theft?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Do you know who Scott Sheridan is?
- 22 A. No.

- Q. Do you know who Will Hutchins is?
- 24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. Did your husband, as far as you know, make a
- 2 practice of driving around to the stores in Wilks Barre
- 3 and Scranton every week or more frequently?
- 4 A. He used to go sometimes.
- 5 Q. Did he sometimes drive around in a baseball cap?
- 6 A. He may have. Yes.
- 7 Q. Have you ever seen him drive around in a baseball
- 8 cap?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether he drove to the stores
- 11 sometimes with a baseball cap?
- 12 A. He might have.
- 13 Q. Did he ever come back from any of his trips to
- 14 the stores with cash in hand, as far as you know, that
- 15 he had picked up at the stores?
- 16 A. No, I don't know.
- 17 Q. How many cars does your family have?
- 18 A. Four.
- 19 Q. Do you have a BMW?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Does your husband sometimes use that BMW to visit
- 22 stores in Scranton and Wilkes Barre?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. What other cars do you have?

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- 1 A. A Jeep and an Acura.
- Q. What's the forth one?
- 3 A. BMW.

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- 4 Q. Two BMWs?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you have a safe in your home?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did your husband sometimes go to the safe when he
- 9 came home from one of his trips to the stores?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Does your family keep cash in the safe?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Who owns those cars that you just told me about a
- 14 moment ago? Are those leased cars or cars you own?
- 15 A. They're leased.
- 16 Q. All of them?
- 17 A. I think everything, except the Jeep is not
- 18 leased; I think.
- 19 Q. Did you ever personally deposit cash in any First
- 20 National City accounts?
- 21 A. First National -- what account?
- 22 Q. First National City Bank.
- 23 A. Where is that?
- Q. You're not familiar with any account there?

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1 A. First National City Bank?

- 2 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. I don't remember.
- Q. Did you ever hear your husband discuss large cash
- 5 deposits with Norman Cahan?
- 6 A. Pardon me? I'm sorry, I didn't hear that. Can
- 7 you repeat that?
- 8 (Pertinent portion of the notes of testimony was
- 9 read.)
- 10 A. No.
- 11 MR. KIDD: I'm sorry, did you say large cash
- 12 deposits with Norman Cahan or discussed with him?
- 13 MR. HERMANN: Discussed with him.
- 14 MR. KIDD: Thank you.
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. The
- 16 time is 3:05.
- 17 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 18 Q. Mrs. Bagga, do you know who Gene Pittack is?
- 19 A. Yes, he works in the office.
- 20 Q. In which office?
- 21 A. 714 Bethlehem Pike.
- Q. What does he do?
- 23 A. He is in Arby's operations.
- Q. And when you're in the office, do you ever have

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1 any dealings with him?

- 2 A. No, not really.
- Q. How long has he worked for the company?
- 4 A. Few years, four, five years, I think.
- Q. And does he manage some of the stores? Page 74

- 6 A. He is the operations manager.
- 7 Q. When you're in the office, is your desk near his?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Does he deal with the managers and employees at
- 10 the various stores?
- 11 A. All I know is he is in the operations. I don't
- 12 know what he does.
- 13 Q. Did you ever hear any complaints from any
- 14 employees about Gene Pittack?
- 15 A. I'm not involved with operations. I don't know.
- 16 Q. Does that mean no, you never heard any complaints
- 17 about him?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did you ever hear any employees say that they had
- 20 been directed by Gene Pittack to take 500 dollars a day
- 21 in revenues and put it in a bag and keep it there for
- 22 Paul Bagga when he comes around?
- 23 A. No.

Q. What color is the Jeep?

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- 1 A. Burgundy red.
- Q. Does your husband get a paycheck?
- 3 A. Yes,
- 4 Q. From what company or companies?
- 5 A. I don't know which company. I think Welcome
- 6 Group.
- 7 Q. Is he currently getting a paycheck from Welcome
- 8 Group?

- 080703.txt I haven't seen his paycheck. I think so. 9 Α.
- Does he deposit his own paycheck? 10 Q.
- Yeah, I think so. 11 Α.
- Does he ever give the paycheck to you to deposit? 12 Q.
- No. 13 Α.
- Does he deposit it in your family checking 14
- account? 15
- Yeah, he might have. Α. 16
- Do you know if he ever deposits it anywhere else? 17
- Deposits it into the checking account. 18
- Does he get paid the same amount regularly by 19
- Welcome Group? 20
- A. Yeah, I think so. 21
- Is there any other payment to your husband that 22
- gets deposited regularly in your checking account? 23
- No. 24 Α.

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- Do you get any payments from any company that get 1
- deposited into your checking account? 2
- 3 Α. Yes.
- What company? 4 Q.
- It used to be from United. Now that United is 5
- not, I think it's called Welcome now. 6
- Not 21st Century Restaurant Solutions? 7
- Yes, 21st Century Restaurant Solutions, probably. 8
- Now, you told us last time about a 40,000 dollar 9
- loan that you had made to one of the family companies. 10
- Do you recall that? 11
- Um-hum 12 Α.

- 13 Q. Have you made any other loans to any Bagga
- 14 family-related businesses in the last five years,
- 15 personally?
- 16 A. Yes, I might have.
- 17 Q. Do you remember any?
- 18 A. I don't remember but I know I have made deposits,
- 19 loans into the accounts.
- 20 Q. To which companies?
- 21 A. I don't remember which company; could be United,
- 22 Welcome.
- 23 Q. And would those loans be reflected in your
- 24 checkbook? That is to say, did you make the loan in the

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- 1 form of a check?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you make loans in any other form? Cash,
- 4 let's say?
- 5 A. Yeah. It would be a check. Like we went through
- 6 last time, if it's the same back, they would transfer it
- 7 as cash. You asked me last time; they would transfer it
- 8 from my account to the business account and they put it
- 9 in as cash because it's in the same bank.
- 10 Q. So you wouldn't actually physically write a
- 11 check; you would ask the bank to transfer money from one
- 12 -- from your personal account to one of the business
- 13 accounts?
- 14 A. Yes. If you do that, then it would show as cash.
- Q. Is that what you did, is what I'm asking you?

- 16 A. Sometimes I might have done, yeah.
- 17 Q. And sometimes you might have written a check
- 18 also?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember doing each of those things in
- 21 connection with loans made to businesses?
- 22 A. Yes.

- 23 Q. How did you keep track of what loans you made to
- 24 the businesses?

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- 1 A. It shows up in the statement.
- Q. It shows up in what statement?
- A. In the bank statement.
- 4 Q. The bank statement for the business that you lent
- 5 the money to?
- 6 A. No, in the business, it would come in the P and
- 7 L, in the balance sheet, it would show that it was a
- 8 loan from me.
- 9 But if it's a personal account, if it's -- if I
- 10 transfer a check, it would say it.
- 11 Q. What I'm asking is, apart from the, either the
- 12 check that you wrote or the movement of funds from one
- 13 bank account to another, would there be any other piece
- 14 of paper that would show that this was a loan by you to
- 15 one of the businesses?
- 16 A. I'm saying it will show -- if I made a loan to
- 17 United, it would show in the United books. When they
- 18 make the deposit, if it's a loan, it would show that
- 19 it's a loan from me.

- Q. But you would have had to tell somebody that
- 21 there was a loan that was made by you to United, let's
- 22 say?

- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And is that what you did in each case?

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- 1 A. Yes. They had to make an entry. They can't just
- 2 write the money came in. They had to write from there.
- 3 Q. Who would you tell when you made such a loan?
- 4 A. Whoever is working in the office doing entries.
- Q. Do you know the name of that person or persons?
- 6 A. Khalid.
- 7 Q. That's the same Khalid you told us about last
- 8 time?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Is that K-H-A-L-I-D?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And you don't remember that person's last name;
- 13 right?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. And who else?
- 16 A. Basically, him.
- 17 Q. And does he still work for the company?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. If I can summarize what you just said. Tell me
- 20 if it's an accurate summary.
- 21 When you made a loan to one of the companies, you
- 22 would transfer money either in the form of an

- inter-account transfer or in the form of a check and you 23
- would tell Khalid to record it as a loan from you? 24

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- Yes. 1 Α.
- And it would then show up on the books of United? 2 Q.
- Yes. 3 Α.
- And did you get repaid on those loans? 4 Q.
- Some of it, yes. 5 Α.
- Are some of the loans unpaid still? Q. 6
- 7 Yes. Α.
- And how much in total did you lend to the family 8
- businesses in this matter? 9
- MS. BASKIN: Objection to form. 10
- I don't remember the exact amount. 11 Α.
- Approximately. 12 Q.
- I don't know the amounts. It should show up in 13
- the tax returns and the company P and Ls. 14
- Do you have any idea at this point how much is 15
- owed to you from those loans? 1.6
- 17 Α. No.
- If you were going to find out how much you had 18
- advanced and had not been repaid, what would you do? 19
- I would look on the company P and Ls. 20
- Q. And you would look at United or any other 21
- company? For United. 22
- Right now, I would look at 21st Century. 23
- As the successor to United? 24 ο.

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- A. Yes. 1
- And you haven't, in fact, looked at the P and Ls 2
- of that? 3
- No. 4 Α.
- or the balance sheet? 5
- Α. No. 6
- On how many occasions do you think you've made 7
- such loan advances? 8
- Several occasions. I don't remember exactly how 9
- much and how many times. 10
- Q. Over what course of time? 11
- A. Last few years. 12
- Now, there had been times also when you took 13
- money out in repayment of those loans. 14
- Is that correct? 15
- 16 Yes.
- And what process did you go through? Did you 17 0.
- tell Khalid? 18
- A. To write a check. That's what we went through 19
- last time when he showed me the check, and I showed you 20
- it was part of payment back from the 40,000, the 13 and 21
- a half thousand that I took back, and the rest, 27 and a 22
- half thousand, is still owed to me and I have not taken 23
- it back; and I cannot take it back now because, since 24

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the bankruptcy started, I've not taken any money out. 1 Page 81

- Q. So the same process applied to any other loans 2
- that you made, that if you were going to be repaid, you 3
- would go to Khalid and say, issue a check? 4
- A. Yes, I would get a check, yes. 5
- Q. When you did that, did you -- that is to say, 6
- when you went to Khalid to ask him to write a check to 7
- repay you, did he have to get an approval from anybody? 8
- 9 Α. No.
- Q. When you did it -- your request to him to write 10
- the check to repay, was that something you just said to 11
- him or did you write a memo about it? 12
- A. I just said it to him. 13
- Did he ever say to you that there were no funds 14
- to repay you when you were looking to be repaid? 15
- A. I wouldn't ask for the check if there were no 16
- funds in the account. 17
- Q. So you knew already that there would be 18
- sufficient funds? 19
- The same way I knew when there was no funds 20
- I put the money in because there were no funds in the 21
- account. That's why I put the money in, to take it out 22
- when the funds were there for a temporary loan. It 23
- would not become permanent. 24

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- Did you ever discuss with Khalid how he should 1
- describe the repayment of the loan to you? 2
- A. I told him when he -- when I put the money in, it 3
- goes in as a loan from me. 4
- And when I tell him to write the check, it's 5 Page 82

- 6 against that loan. He writes it, loan repayment against
- 7 the loan.
- 8 Q. And he makes that notation on the check?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Now, when he would make a repayment of the loan
- 11 to you, it would be in the form of a check on each
- 12 occasion; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And what would you do with that check?
- A. Either deposit it into my account or cash it.
- 16 Q. Do you recall ever cashing it for actual -- for
- 17 cash?
- 18 A. Pardon?
- 19 Q. Do you recall ever cashing one of those checks
- 20 for cash?
- 21 A. Yes. If I needed the money, I might have cashed
- 22 it, yes.

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- Q. Do you recall the amounts of any of these
- 24 repayments? You told me 13,500 dollars, I think, last

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- 1 time with regard to the 40,000.
- A. That's what you showed me the check, and I said
- 3 it was payment, yes.
- 4 Q. Do you recall the amounts of any other repayment
- 5 checks?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Did you transfer 362,000 dollars on March 31 of
- 8 this year from the Commerce Bank into your checking

- 9 account?
- 10 A. I transferred it from the Commerce Bank savings
- 11 account into another savings account, not into a
- 12 checking account.
- 13 Q. You transferred into your personal savings
- 14 account?
- 15 A. I had a personal savings account in Commerce
- 16 Bank; and then when the fiasco with Prudential happened,
- 17 they attached my personal account at Commerce Bank
- 18 because of the business account was at Commerce Bank, so
- 19 that's why I was upset with Commerce Bank for taking my
- 20 -- you remember that -- and that's why I moved my
- 21 account out of Commerce Bank because they had no right
- 22 to take my personal account.
- Q. So the account at Commerce Bank, was your own?
- 24 A. It was my personal savings account.

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- Q. And you moved it into what account?
- 2 A. Into a savings account into First Union Bank.
- 3 Q. How long had you had that 362,000 dollars in your
- 4 savings account at Commerce Bank?
- 5 A. Pardon?
- 6 (Pertinent portion was read by the court
- 7 reporter.)
- 8 A. Since I had the account at Commerce Bank.
- 9 Q. How long is that?
- 10 A. I don't know the exact dates.
- 11 Q. Is it several years we're talking about?
- 12 A. No, not several years.

- Q. Can you approximate how long you had that account
- 14 there?
- 15 A. I don't know. Maybe two years. I don't know the
- 16 exact amount of time, how long.
- Q. Where did the 362,000 dollars come from?
- 18 A. I had the money.
- 19 Q. Where did you get the money from? Was that
- 20 salary for you?
- 21 A. What?
- Q. was that some salary you had?
- 23 A. No. I don't remember exactly where.
- Q. Did you deposit it as a lump sum at some point?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Where did it come from before it was at Commerce
- 3 Bank?
- 4 A. I don't remember.
- Q. As I understood your testimony, you were upset
- 6 that Commerce Bank had done something with your funds
- 7 and that's why you moved the account out of there?
- 8 A. They had seized my account. That's why I moved
- 9 it out.
- 10 Q. Which account did they seize?
- 11 A. My personal savings account.
- 12 Q. They had seized the account with the 362,000
- 13 dollars in it?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. How were you able to move it then?

16 A. They released it.

17 MS. BASKIN: If I may interject, this was a

18 subject of some legal proceeding where some bank --

19 maybe it was Captec -- had a judgment.

20 THE WITNESS: Prudential.

21 MS. BASKIN: Prudential, and they froze

22 corporate bank accounts, inappropriately froze Mrs.

23 Bagga's personal account.

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- 1 a lawyer from another firm on the phone who, within 24
- 2 hours, admitted that it was an improper seizure of her
- 3 bank accounts and they unfroze her bank account.
- 4 I don't remember the details, but I remember
- 5 I was involved in the telephone conversations when this
- 6 occurred.
- 7 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 8 Q. Is that correct, Mrs. Bagga, as far as you know?
- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. As you sit here today, what's your best
- 11 explanation of where that 362 thousand dollars came
- 12 from?
- 13 A. I don't remember the exact details, but part of
- 14 it was a check that I got from the insurance company.
- 15 We had a water damage in the house, and the contractors
- 16 were still working on it.
- 17 We got paid by the insurance company, but I
- 18 deposited the check into my savings account, and then I
- 19 paid them later on when they finished the work. Page 86

- Q. And the insurance company paid you 362 thousand
- 21 dollars more than you owed the contractor for the work?
- 22 A. I wrote the contractors after the check. The
- 23 insurance company paid me the check. The contractors I
- 24 paid them recently.

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- 1 Q. How much did you pay the contractors?
- 2 A. 100 and some thousand. I said part of the
- 3 300,000 came from there.
- 4 Q. Where did the rest of it come from?
- 5 A. I don't remember that. You know what I think?
- 6 Part of it came from the refinancing.
- 7 I don't know who -- were you there at the
- 8 refinancing or -- I don't remember. We refinanced the
- 9 house, and we got back some money. I think part of it
- 10 probably came from there.
- 11 Q. But you're not sure?
- 12 A. I don't remember. I think part of it probably
- 13 came from there.
- 14 Q. Do you have an account at MBNA?
- 15 A. MBNA?
- 16 Q. Yes.
- 17 A. It's a credit card.
- 18 Q. Did you transfer money to your personal checking
- 19 account from an MBNA account in April of this year?
- 20 A. I transferred from MBNA -- I have a credit card
- 21 from them, and they had an offer for six months, no
- 22 interest, and so I took the money.

23 Q. 23,000 dollars?

24 A. Yes.

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- Q. Was there a particular use you had for that
- 2 23,000 dollars at the time?
- 3 A. I needed to pay my expenses and this was a no
- 4 interest loan so I thought I could use it for six
- 5 months, so I transferred the money, the check into my
- 6 account.
- 7 Q. That hasn't been repaid yet?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Who's Johnny Dang, D-A-N-G?
- 10 A. He's my landscaper.
- 11 Q. You paid him approximately 9,000 dollars in May
- 12 of 2003?
- 13 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Had he done some landscaping work at your house?
- 15 A. He put some trees in the back.
- 16 Q. Do you have an account at a Philadelphia private
- 17 bank?
- 18 A. It's a trust account for my children.
- 19 Q. Is that a Sansom Street account?
- 20 A. Pardon?
- 21 Q. Is that an account called Sansom, S-A-N-S-O-M,
- 22 Street?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. If you made a notation on a check, a 35 hundred

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- 1 dollar check that it was for Sansom Street, does that
- 2 mean anything to you?
- A. 3500 dollars? Yes, it was -- it applied for a
- 4 loan there, and I think it was a loan processing fee.
- Q. Have you ever had any discussions with anybody
- 6 about moving Arby's restaurant equipment from
- 7 Pennsylvania to text?
- 8 A. No.

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- 9 Q. Have you ever written any checks to anybody for
- 10 that purpose?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Have you ever had any discussions with anybody
- 13 about replacing the computers in the Pennsylvania
- 14 stores, the Pennsylvania Arby stores, with older
- 15 computers?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Have you ever had any role in selling the
- 18 computers that are used as cash registers in the stores?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Have you talked to Ravi Chawla since June 17th,
- 21 the last time you were asked questions at a deposition
- 22 by me in this case?
- 23 A. Talked to him about what?
- Q. About anything.

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1 A. Yeah, I talked to him.

- 2 Q. How often?
- 3 A. I don't know how often.
- 4 Q. Several times?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Have you seen him?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Have you been out with him socially?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Just the two of you?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you recall being asked last time about loans
- 13 from HB Properties to Welcome Group when I asked you
- 14 some questions about that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Did you ask Mr. Chawla, since you gave that
- 17 testimony, any more details about the terms of those
- 18 loans?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. I also asked you questions about loans from Sant
- 21 Properties to Welcome Group?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ask Mr. Chawla for any more details about
- 24 those loans that you couldn't fill in at the time?

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1 A. No.

- Q. Did you ask any questions about the transactions
- 3 between World Apparel and American Merchandising about
- 4 the overseas shipment of goods?
- 5 A. No.

- Q. Do you know whether Norm Cahan is the accountant
- 7 for the Chawlas?
- 8 A. Pardon?
- 9 Q. Do you know whether Norm Cahan is the accountant
- 10 for the Chawlas?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. Did you show Mr. Chawla a copy of your deposition
- 13 transcript?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Do you know whether he read a copy?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Are you familiar with the Quickbooks files of the
- 18 various companies that you and your husband are involved
- 19 in?

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- 20 A. I know there are Quickbook files. I don't know
- 21 much about that.
- Q. Do you play or have you ever played any role in
- 23 maintaining those files?
- 24 A. No.

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- Q. Who does?
- 2 A. Office does it.
- 3 Q. Who in the office does?
- 4 A. Khalid.
- 5 Q. And -- withdrawn.
- 6 I asked you last time about some of the various
- 7 business entities your family has been involved in,
- 8 companies and partnerships.

- 9 I want to ask you about a couple more.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. See if you know.
- 12 Did you ever hear of Fast Track Pizza?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 O. What does that do?
- 15 A. It used to be a pizza place. I don't think it's
- 16 there anymore.
- 17 Q. Where was it?
- 18 A. At the 30th Street -- at the train station.
- 19 Q. How about Green Castle Restaurants?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. What was that? Does that still exist?
- 22 A. There's an Arby's in Green Castle, so I imagine
- 23 it's probably that.
- Q. How about Mohebac Real Estate, M-O-H-E-B-A-C. I

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- 1 don't know if the I'm pronouncing it correctly.
- 2 A. Uh-huh.

- 3 Q. What is that?
- 4 A. It's a real estate company.
- 5 Q. What does it do?
- 6 A. I don't know exactly what it does.
- 7 Q. Ever hear of a company called Passage to India?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What does that do?
- 10 A. It used to own a restaurant downtown, Passage to
- 11 India.
- 12 Q. Does it exist anymore?
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- 13 A. The restaurant exists, yes.
- 14 Q. Does your family have any ownership interest in
- 15 that at this point?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Do you know who owns it?
- 18 A. Right now, I don't remember the name of the
- 19 person.
- Q. Did you ever hear of a company called PEPS
- 21 Incorporated?
- 22 A. P-E -- no. PEPS. You know, I think it's one of
- 23 the companies that Paul was trying to do some education
- 24 projects.

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- 1 I think it had something to do with that.
- Q. what kind of education projects is he doing?
- 3 A. He was thinking of doing something. I think it
- 4 had something to do with the school project, something.
- 5 Q. Is that all you know?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you ever hear of a company called Rapture
- 8 Trading?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. What does Rapture Trading do?
- 11 A. They used to have a store in Philadelphia.
- 12 Q. What kind of a store?
- 13 A. Clothing store.
- 14 Q. Who owned it?
- 15 A. I don't know.

- Q. Did this have anything to do with your clothing 16
- 17 business?
- No. 18 Α.
- Was your husband in the clothing business 19
- separately from you? 20
- American Merchandise. 21
- was this business somehow related to American 22
- Merchandising? 23
- I don't think so, no. 24 Α.

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- Do you know a company called Best Buy Trading? 1
- I heard of the name. 2 Α.
- In what connection did you hear that name? 3
- I think it might have done some business with 4
- American Merchandise or World Apparel. I don't know. 5
- Do you know what kind of business they did with 6
- it? 7
- 8 Α. No.
- Did your husband own Best Buy Trading? 9 Q.
- 10 Α. No.
- Do you know who did? 11 Q.
- 12 Α. No.
- Did you hear of a company called Classico? 13 Q.
- 14 Yes.
- And what does Classico do or what did it do? 15 Q.
- Classico, they're in leather business. My 16
- brother owns that. 17
- Your brother who lives in India owns that? 18
- No, one who lives in Amster. 19 Page 94

- Q. Did you hear of a company called Rising Sun?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. How about a company called WAP?
- 23 A. That's What About Products.
- Q. And RUI?

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- 1 A. Resource Utilization, Inc.
- Q. What did Resource Utilization do?
- 3 A. It was a management company before United.
- 4 Q. Do you know who owns RUI?
- 5 A. It's not there anymore.
- 6 Q. Rising Sun?
- 7 A. Who?
- 8 Q. Do you know who owns Rising Sun?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Do you know who owns Rapture Trading?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Do you know a company called Kutztown
- 13 Advertising?
- 14 A. No.
- MR. KIDD: Give us about minutes and maybe
- 16 we can wrap up.
- 17 (Recess.)
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record.
- 19 The time is 4:14.
- 20 BY MR. HERMANN:
- Q. Mrs. Bagga, we're going to show you a videotape
- 22 here and ask you a couple questions about it. It begins

080703.txt 23 with July 20th, 2003, 12:15 pm.

24 MR. TABAS: Keep watching.

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- MR. HERMANN: The tape ended at, I think, 34
- 2 minutes after the hour began, I think at 15 minutes; so,
- 3 obviously, there was a start and stop there someplace.
- 4 BY MR. HERMANN:
- 5 Q. Did you have a chance to observe the videotape?
- 6 A. Now?

- 7 Q. Yes.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you recognize the car?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. What car is that?
- 12 A. It's the Jeep.
- 13 Q. It's your Jeep?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Do you recognize the driver.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Who's the driver?
- 18 A. Paul Bagga.
- 19 Q. Do you recognize the location?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Does July 20th, is about -- is 18 days ago.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. As you sit here without anything to refresh your
- 24 recollection, do you know what he was doing on July

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20th? 1

- 2 A. I don't know. I was not here.
- Q. Do you know whether equipment that's used in 3
- Arby's restaurants is stored in sheds that look like the 4
- ones that you just saw in that videotape? 5
- A. I've never seen anything. I've never seen any of 6
- 7 the storage sheds, so I don't know.
- Do you know that some Arby's restaurant and 8
- 9 office equipment is, in fact, stored in sheds at this
- time? 10
- A. Yes. 11
- 12 Q. How do you know that?
- A. Calls the office to write a check to some storage 13
- company, I know there's a storage somewhere. 14
- Q. I want to go back and cover one or two things 15
- 16 that we partly addressed before.
- Did you not have a computer in your office before 17
- 18 May of 2003?
- A. No, I don't think I had a separate computer, no. 19
- 20 Q. Did you use a computer in the office before May
- of 2003? 21
- 22 A. No.
- When you needed something written in the office 23
- 24 before May of 2003, what did you do?

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A. I would just use one of the computers, somebody's 1 Page 97

- 2 computer.
- Q. Did you use those computers to write letters?
- 4 Again, I'm speaking of the period before May, 2003.
- 5 A. No, I don't think so.
- 6 Q. What did you use people's computers for?
- 7 A. Check my e-mail or something, check the weather,
- 8 AOL.
- 9 Q. Anything else?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Not for any business purposes?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Never?
- 14 A. I don't remember.
- 15 Q. Is your office building on Bethlehem Pike up for
- 16 sale?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Which businesses are located there?
- 19 A. All of them.
- Q. All of the various Bagga family-related business
- 21 that I've asked you about?
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. If they have an office, it's located there?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Does K and P Realty receive money from anybody or
- 2 any entity?
- 3 A. It receives money from Welcome.
- 4 Q. And how much money does it receive from Welcome?
- 5 A. I don't remember the exact amount. It pays rent. Page 98

- Welcome Group pays rent to K and P Realty? 6
- Um-hum 7 Α.
- Q. For what? 8
- A. For the different locations, for the five 9
- locations. 10
- Q. And it makes five separate payments or one 11
- payment? 12
- A. Five separate payments. 13
- Q. How much a year does K and P Realty get from 14
- Welcome Group for rent? 15
- A. I don't remember the exact amount, exact figure. 16
- Q. What does K and P Realty do with the rent money 17
- that it gets? 18
- A. It pays the debt service, taxes and other 19
- expenses. 20
- Q. After it pays the debt service, taxes and other 21
- expenses, is there money left over? 22
- A. Yes, there's some money left over. 23
- Q. And what happens to that money? 24

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A. It's there.

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- Q. It's retained in the corporation? 2
- A. It's used for like big expenses for K and P. 3
- My question was, after the expenses of K and P 4
- have been fully paid, is there any income left over? 5
- A. Yes. There's some income left over, some money 6
- left over. 7
- Q. And who gets the income from K and P Realty, if 8

- there's left? If there's net income there, who gets it? 9
- A. I would get it. 10
- Q. Have you, in fact, gotten any net income from K 11
- and P Realty in the last three years? 12
- A. I don't remember. I know last couple of years 13
- there was still money owed to K and P because the money 14
- wasn't paid. 15
- So, in fact, the company actually owed money to K 16
- and P because all the rents were not paid last year. It 17
- shows in the tax returns. 18
- (Pertinent portion of the record was read by 19
- the court reporter.) 20
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. 21
- 22 4:25.

- BY MR. HERMANN: 23
- Q. Mrs. Bagga, are you saying that in the last three 24

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- year, K and P Realty, in fact, didn't have any net 1
- income? 2
- A. I don't think so. 3
- How would you know? 4
- I would have to look at the papers and the tax 5 Α.
- returns. 6
- Is that something you've ever done before? 7
- Not really. From what I remember, there's money 8
- owed to K and P. 9
- Q. In a large enough amount so that K and P has no 10
- income. 11
- Is that what you're saying? No net income. 12 Page 100

- 13 A. Yes, I think so.
- 14 Q. Does K and P file a tax return?
- A. I don't remember if it's a separate tax return.
- 16 I told you, I don't really look at the tax -- or if it's
- 17 an attachment to the personal tax return.
- 18 It's filed somewhere somehow. I don't know
- 19 exactly how it's done.
- Q. Now, I asked a series of questions before about
- 21 American Merchandising and its transactions with World
- 22 Apparel.
- 23 Did American Merchandising do business with any
- 24 other company besides World Apparel?

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- 1 A. It probably did but I don't know.
- Q. What makes you think it probably did?
- 3 A. It was in business. They did business with
- 4 various companies.
- Q. Do you know that or are you assuming that?
- 6 A. I'm assuming that.
- 7 Q. Did it do business with a company called Ten
- 8 Tigers?
- 9 A. I don't remember. Yes, sounds familiar.
- 10 Q. What does that name mean to you, Ten Tigers?
- 11 A. It's a familiar name, but I don't know how or
- 12 what business it was.
- 13 Q. Is that a company that was owned by the Chawlas?
- 14 A. I don't know who owned the company.
- 15 Q. Have you told me everything you know about Ten

- 16 Tigers?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. You recognize the name. You don't know anything
- 19 else about it?
- 20 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Have you received any loans personally from any
- 22 of the Chawlas? You personally, not in the companies
- 23 but you personally.
- 24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. Has Paul Bagga received any loans from the
- 2 Chawlas?
- 3 A. I don't know that.
- 4 Q. Are you currently getting a paycheck from 21st
- 5 Century Realty Solutions?
- 6 A. Yes, I'm getting a paycheck, yes.
- 7 Q. And how much are you being paid by them?
- 8 A. It's like 1500 or some dollars every two weeks.
- 9 Q. Are you getting a paycheck from any other
- 10 company?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Now, before there was 21st Century Realty
- 13 Solutions, there was United Management.
- 14 I'm sorry, 21st Century Restaurants.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. You were getting a check from United Management;
- 17 right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. How much were you being paid by United Page 102

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- 21 A. About 1500 dollars.
- 22 Q. 1500 dollars?
- 23 A. Every two weeks.
- Q. Approximately, 36,000 dollars a year?

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- 1 A. Yes. Something like that.
- Q. For how many years in the past were you being
- 3 paid that amount?
- 4 A. Long time. Few years.
- Q. In, let's say, since the year 2000, since the
- 6 beginning of 2003, were you getting a paycheck from any
- 7 other company?
- 8 A. I don't remember.
- 9 Q. Were you getting any distributions of capital
- 10 from any other company?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Were you getting distributions of income from any
- 13 other company?
- 14 A. No, not that I'm aware.
- 15 Q. So your only source of income, personally, in
- 16 2000, 2001 and 2002, was the paychecks you were
- 17 receiving from United Management?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Mrs. Bagga, during the year of 2000, did you
- 20 write checks for American Merchandising?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. So I'm going to represent to you that during the

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- 23 year 2000, American Merchandising wrote at least a dozen
- 24 checks to Ten Tigers in an amount exceeding 6 million

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1 dollars.

- 2 Do you have any idea what those checks were for?
- 3 A. Probably for buying or selling, buying some
- 4 merchandise.
- Q. Before you would write checks totaling 6 million
- 6 dollars, would you review any paperwork?
- 7 A. No. I signed the checks, I didn't review them.
- Q. Who, if anyone, told you to write those checks?
- 9 A. Paul.
- 10 Q. And is it your testimony, you had no backup
- 11 whatsoever before writing checks at those amounts?
- 12 A. No, I didn't see him.
- Q. Now, I'm also going to represent to you that as
- 14 of the end of 1999, that the balance sheet, the trial
- 15 balance of American Merchandising, showed that more than
- 16 1.2 million dollars was due to SJM Trading.
- Do you know what SJM Trading is?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether that's owned by the Chawlas?
- 20 A. I don't know who owns it.
- Q. Did you ever hear the name SJM Trading Company in
- 22 connection with the equipment that was bought for the
- 23 Arby's restaurants?
- 24 A. No.

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1 Q. Did anyone ever ask you to write a check to SJM 2 Trading for the 1.2 million dollars that was due to it? 3 A. I don't remember that. 4 Q. Now, I'm also going to represent to you that a 5 year later, on the trial balance for the year 2000, it 6 was the same entry for SJM Trading, except which, instead of being 1.2 million, was a little under 700,000 7 8 dollars. 9 Did you write checks during the year -- during 10 the year 2000 to SJM Trading to reduce that 11 indebtedness? 12 A. I don't remember. 13 Q. Did you ever hear of a company called Mega 14 Management, M-E-G-A? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Mrs. Bagga, I'd like not to have to ask you this question but I do. Do you have an intimate relationship with Ravi Chawla? MR. KIDD: I'm instructing her not to answer that question. MR. HERMANN: You're not in a position to instruct her not to answer.

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If you do, we'll seek a ruling from Judge

Reed who's already determined in this case that there Page 105

- 2 are no --
- MR. KIDD: I'm going to instruct her to
- 4 invoke her rights under the Fifth Amendment, since Mr.
- 5 Ravi is under criminal investigation in three different
- 6 places.
- 7 So invoke your rights with regard to that
- 8 question.
- 9 MR. HERMANN: You're invoking the Fifth
- 10 Amendment privilege for this witness on the grounds of
- 11 someone else's criminal investigation?
- MR. KIDD: Invoke the Fifth Amendment.
- 13 MR. HERMANN: I'm telling you right now, I'm
- 14 going to seek sanctions against you if you do that. If
- 15 you're going to invoke Fifth Amendment for this witness
- on the grounds of someone else's incrimination.
- 17 MR. KIDD: I think, very well, if they had a
- 18 romantic relationship, they could be involved in a
- 19 criminal enterprise together, pretty simple
- 20 relationship.
- 21 So she's not going to give you any
- 22 indication what their relationship is, since he's also
- 23 the subject of criminal investigation, she may be a
- 24 party to it.

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- 1 I believe there's a valid good faith basis
- 2 invocation of the Fifth Amendment in this case.
- 3 Invoke the Fifth Amendment.
- 4 BY MR. HERMANN: Do I understand, Ms.
- 5 Mathews, you're not directing her not to answer at this Page 106

6	point?
7	MR. KIDD: She is not. I'm directing not
8	directing you. I'm asking you, recommending to you, to
9	invoke your rights. Do you want to invoke your rights
10	or not?
11	Do you want to talk to me for a moment?
12	THE WITNESS: Okay.
13	MR. KIDD: Let's talk.
14	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the tape.
15	(Recess.)
16	MR. KIDD: She'll answer the question.
17	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.
18	4:40.
19	MR. HERMANN: Do you want to read the
20	question back?
21	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the tape, 4:40.
22	(Recess.)
23	MR. KIDD: Back on the record.
24	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record, 4:42.
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1	(Pertinent portion was read by the court
2	reporter.)
	MR. KIDD: May I ask you, are you speaking,
4	when you say "intimate." do you mean a sexual

5 relationship?

6 MR. HERMANN: I mean a sexual, romantic

7 relationship.

8 MR. KIDD: In that context, you can answer

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- 9 the question.
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Have you ever had a sexual relationship with Mr.
- 12 chawla?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 MR. KIDD: Are you almost finished?
- MR. HERMANN: I am.
- MR. KIDD: Mr. Hermann, we're going to go
- 17 back over, I believe there's a series of maybe eight or
- 18 ten questions that were asked where we invoked the Fifth
- 19 Amendment.
- 20 We're now going to go over all of those
- 21 questions and we will answer them for you. I've asked
- 22 the young lady to mark those in whatever manner she
- 23 does, and she will pull them up and we will then go over
- 24 them.

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- 1 If you want to have follow-up questions, you
- 2 can. But I would like to either rescind our invocation
- 3 of the Fifth Amendment on all of those questions, and I
- 4 believe on all questions that were asked today.
- 5 MR. TABAS: Before you do that, I would like
- 6 to take one break to talk to my colleagues for a minute.
- 7 MR. KIDD: You're not going to let me
- 8 rescind the invokation?
- 9 MR. TABAS: Yes, you are. I just need to
- 10 tell them something before --
- 11 MR. KIDD: All right.
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the tape 4:44. Page 108

13 (Recess.)

- MR. KIDD: Back on.
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.
- 16 4:47.
- 17 MR. KIDD: Miss, could you read back he
- 18 eight or ten questions that I had you mark during the
- 19 intermission?
- 20 (The following was read by the court
- 21 reporter:
- "Who made the entry in the computer that
- 23 reflected any information that was produced to us."
- 24 MR. KIDD: You can answer the question.

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- A. Are you talking about the entries in my
- 2 computer?

- 3 (Pertinent portion of the record is read.)
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 MR. KIDD: Mr. Hermann, do you want to
- 6 follow up on each question or wait till the end?
- 7 MR. HERMANN: I'd rather follow up on each
- 8 one as we go along.
- 9 MR. KIDD: There's about eight or ten.
- MR. HERMANN: I don't think I have any on
- 11 that one.
- MR. KIDD: Next question?
- 13 (The following was read by the court
- 14 reporter:
- "what's your e-mail address?"

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080703.txt 16 Kbagga@AOL.com. 17 Has that always been your e-mail address? Q. 18 A. Yes. 19 MR. KIDD: Next question. 20 (The following was read by the court 21 reporter: 22 "Do you make a practice of reading your tax 23 returns before you sign them? 24 MR. KIDD: Answer the question. ESQUIRE DEPOSITION SERVICE 124 1 A. No, not really. 2 Q. What do you mean not really? 3 A. I mean, I just sign it. Paul tells me the tax 4 returns and I just sign it. I don't read through the 5 whole thing. Q. Do you read through any of it? 6 7 A. Not really. I just sign it. 8 MR. KIDD: Is it all right to proceed, Mr. 9 Hermann? 10 MR. HERMANN: Yes. 11 MR. KIDD: Next one. 12 (The following was read by the court 13 reporter: 14 "Have you ever had any discussions with 15 either Norm Cahan or any other accountants about your tax returns?" 16 17 MR. KIDD: Answer the question. 18 A. I might have. I don't remember. He prepared the

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tax returns, so --

- Q. Your testimony is that you never spoken to Norm
- 21 Cahan about the contents of your tax returns?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 MR. KIDD: Next guestion.
- 24 (The following was read by the court

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1 reporter:

- 2 "Have you made any applications for loans in
- 3 the past two years?"
- 4 MR. KIDD: Answer the question.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Are these applications for bank loans?
- 7 A. It was for house refinancing.
- 8 Q. That's your personal residence?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Is that the Washington mutual loan?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Have you made any other loan applications in the
- 13 past two years?
- A. The office building, 714 Bethlehem Pike.
- 15 Q. That's the 244,000 dollar loan on that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And what's the Bank there?
- 18 A. Sovereign Bank.
- 19 Q. In connection with those loan application, did
- 20 you provide copies of financial statements, personal
- 21 financial statements?
- 22 A. Paul did.

- 23 Q. Did you review either one of those before the
- 24 loan application was submitted?

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1 A. No.

- Q. Do you continue to maintain copies of those loan
- 3 applications?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 MR. KIDD: Next question.
- 6 (The following was read by the court
- 7 reporter:
- 8 "Have you guaranteed the repayment of a loan
- 9 that somebody else took out in the last couple years?")
- 10 A. I don't remember.
- 11 (The following was read by the court reporter:
- "Can you tell me the names of all the banks on
- 13 which you deposited money on behalf of Bagga Enterprises
- 14 or United Management in the last two years?")
- 15 A. Yes, Sovereign Bank, PNC Bank, Commerce Bank,
- 16 Citizens Bank, First Union Bank. I think that's about
- 17 it.
- 18 Q. To the best of your recollection, did you make
- 19 any cash deposits in any of those banks in that period
- 20 of time?
- 21 A. Yeah, I might have.
- Q. Well, you might not have also; right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember doing so?

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1 A. I told you earlier, sometimes, if one account 2 needs some money, and you deposit a check, you don't get 3 the credit right of it; so you have to take the cash out 4 and put cash in the account so the account is covered. 5 Q. I'm talking about cash from an outside source. 6 Did you at any time during those two years 7 deposit cash from an outside source into those accounts? 8 A. I don't remember that. 9 MR. KIDD: All right, Mr. Hermann, to 10 proceed? 11 MR. HERMANN: Yes. 12 (The following was read by the court 13 reporter: 14 "Now, another of your functions is writing 15 checks for those businesses? 16 Answer: Not anymore, no.

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17 Question: Was there a time when that was

18 one of your functions?"

MR. KIDD: Do you understand the question?

20 BY MR. HERMANN:

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21 Q. The question was, was there a time when writing

22 checks was one of your questions? But I think you

23 already answered that.

24 A. Yes.

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1 (The following was read by the court reporter:
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080703.txt 2 "Can you tell me the names of all of the banks on 3 which you have, on behalf of Bagga Enterprises, United 4 Management or any other of the family-related 5 businesses, written checks in the past two years? 6 MR. KIDD: Answer the question. 7 I'm sorry. Did you say entities or the banks? 8 (The following was read by the court reporter: 9 "Can you tell me the names of all of the banks on 10 which you have, on behalf of Bagga Enterprises, United 11 Management or any other of the family-related 12 businesses, written checks in the past two years?") 13 A. All the banks I just mentioned. 14 Q. Any others? 15 No, I don't remember any of them. 16 And those are Sovereign, PNC, Commerce, Citizens 17 and First Union? 18 Α. Yes. 19 (The following was read by the court reporter? 20 "Have you set up any trusts in the last two 21 years?") 22 MR. KIDD: Answer the question. 23 Α. No. 24 (The following was read by the court reporter: ESQUIRE DEPOSITION SERVICE

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"Have you transferred any real or personal
property in the last six years?")

MR. KIDD: Answer the question.

A. Yes.

Q. What property was that?

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- 6 A. We sold a house.
- 7 Q. Apart from the sale of your house, any other
- 8 transfers?
- 9 A. We did the transfer between Jamuna and K and P
- 10 Real Estate.
- 11 Q. What was the nature of that transaction?
- 12 A. Jamuna Real Estate was owned 50 percent by me and
- 13 50 percent by Paul and so was K and P Real Estate.
- 14 So Paul transferred the K and P 50 percent to me
- and I transferred 50 percent of Jamuna to Paul.
- 16 Q. And what was the purpose of that switch?
- 17 A. I don't know. I thought it was an even switch.
- Q. Do you now think otherwise?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Was there any other transfers besides those two?
- 21 A. No, I don't remember.
- 22 (The following was read by the court reporter:
- "Did you ever borrow any money from the Singh
- 24 Brothers' trust?

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- 1 A. I don't remember.
- 2 (The following was read by the court reporter:
- 3 "Do you know whether Amar Singh is one of the
- 4 Singh Brothers in the Singh Brothers' trust?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 THE COURT REPORTER: I believe that's it.
- 7 MR. HERMANN: No further questions.
- 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: That concludes today's

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1	CERTIFICATE
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3	I, Maureen McCarthy, a Certified
4	Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public of the
5	State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that
6	prior to the commencement of the examination
7	the witness and/or witnesses were sworn by me
8	to testify to the truth and nothing but the
9	truth.
10	I do further certify that the
11	foregoing is a true and accurate
12	computer-aided transcript of the testimony as

13	taken stenographically by and before me at the
14	time, place and on the date hereinbefore set
15	forth.
16	I do further certify that I am
17	neither of counsel nor attorney for any party
18	in this action and that I am not interested in
19	the event nor outcome of this litigation.
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21	Certified Shorthand Reporter
22	XI01730 Notary Public of New Jersey
23	My commission expires 5-08-06
24	Dated:

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American Merchandise Company, Inc. Transactions by Account

As of December 31, 2000

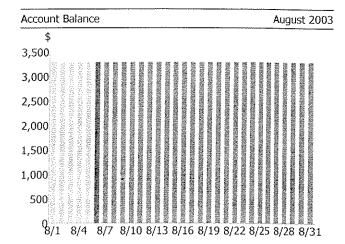
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# Khushi Checking Account Summary 8/6/2003

Account Attributes	
Account Name Description	Khushi Checking
Financial Institution Account Number	Sovereign Bank FSB
Transaction Download Quicken Bill Pay	Not Available Activate Quicken Bill Pay

Account Status		
Current Balance	3,295.85	
Last Transaction	6/10/2003	
Last Reconcile	5/27/2003	



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No data is available for the selected: - date range

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Date	Num			14,981.87	14,981.87
4/10/2003		Opening Balance cat: [Khushi Checking]			
4/10/2003	1470	Contemporary Aquatics cat: Household memo: Inv # 1011,	310.53 R		14,671.34
4/10/2003	1482	Quality Pool Care cat: Household memo: Prepay opening and closing	1,515.15 R		13,156.19
4/10/2003	1488	memer vispig i	5,150.00 R		8,006.19
4/10/2003	1400	cat: Education			
	4.100	memo: POOJA	3,579.00 R		4,427.19
4/10/2003	1489	cat: Education memo: chetan fee	2,0		1010.00
4/10/2003	1490	Sprint PCS cat: Utilities, Bus	113.59 R		4,313.60
4/10/2003	1491	Surinder Maniktala cat: Int Paid	1,500.00 R		2,813.60
4/10/2003	1492	Direct TV	82.60 R		2,731.00
4/10/2003	1493	Neiman Marcus	200.00 R		2,531.00
4/10/2003	1494	Dish Network	126.08 R		2,404.92
4/11/2003		Deposit cat: Invest Inc memo: K & P Real Estate	R	7,500.00	9,904.92
4/11/2003	1496	Saks Fifth Ave	8.47 R		9,896.45
4/11/2003	1497	Bloomingdales	247.45 R		9,649.00
4/11/2003	1498	Comcast	88.47 R		9,560.53
4/11/2003	1499	Bob's Appliance memo: Basement Dishwasher	101.18 R		9,459.35
4/11/2003	1714	Bancard Services	300.00 R		9,159.35 8,585.34
4/11/2003	1715	Chase	574.01 R		8,491.64
4/11/2003	1716	Citi Cards	93.70 R		8,380.03
4/11/2003	1717	AT&T	111.61 R		7,319.14
4/11/2003	1718	PECO	1,060.89 R		6,341.19
4/11/2003	1720	BMW cat: Auto	977.95 R		
4/11/2003	1721	State Of Delaware cat: Misc memo: Paul's Ticket	50.25		6,290.94
4/11/2003	1722	V 3 Global	106.55 R	-	6,184.39
4/16/2003	112	Sovereign Bank cat: Miscellaneous, Bus memo: ///c payment	20.00 R		6,164.39
4/18/2003	1719	A T & T WIRELESS memo: Chetan Cell	169.62 F		5,994.77
4/29/2003	1723	American Express	1,779.32 F	2	4,215.45
4/29/2003	1724	BMW cat: Auto	<b>5</b> 50.95 F	2	3,664.50
4/29/2003	1725	Verizon	107.22 F		3,557.28
4/29/2003	1726	A T & T Universal Card	2,500.00 F	₹	1,057.28

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Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	С	Deposit	Balance
4/29/2003	1727	Philadelhia Suburban Water Co	428.62	R		628.66
4/29/2003	1728	MBNA	760.00	R		-131.34
4/29/2003	1729	Comcast	88.48	R		-219.82
5/2/2003	DEP			R	6,000.00	5,780.18
#J0/2002		cat: Other Inc		R		5,780.18
5/9/2003		**VOID**INT CREDIT	2,020.50			3,759.68
5/10/2003		Sovereign Bank cat: Misc memo: Office Bldg	2,020.50	R		3,738.00
5/10/2003		Sovereign Bank cat: Misc memo: Loan Payment	3,259.04	R		500.64
5/11/2003		memo: Loan Payment Interest Earned		R	0.76	501.40
3/11/2003		cat: Interest Inc		, ,	0.70	001.40
5/12/2003	DEP	cat: Other Inc memo: 1550.89,158.,2441,1500,2643			8,273.00	8,774.40
5/12/2003	DEP	frene cat: Other Inc, Bus memo: Shawl Black			2,000.00	10,774.40
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5/12/2003	1731	Johny Dang	9,120.00			16,237.52
5/16/2003	1502	Direct TV	41.32			16,196.20
5/16/2003	1733	Bloomingdales	58.00			16,138.20
5/16/2003	1734	Bancard Services	500.00			15,638.20
5/16/2003	1735	Sprint PCS cat: Utilities, Bus	105.05			15,533.15
5/16/2003	1736	Citi Cards	1,112.05			14,421.10
5/16/2003	1737	A T & T Universal Card	2,089.61			12,331.49
5/16/2003	1738	AT&T	78.02			12,253.47
5/16/2003	1739	Chase	276.02			11,977.45
5/16/2003	1740	Dish Network	121.85			11,855.60
5/25/2003	1481	Cindy & Michael Proothi cat: Gifts Given	200.00		4	11,655.60
5/26/2003	1480	BRANDTRADE	8,800.00			2,855.60
5/30/2003	DEP	Pal Narula And Brandtrade			14,800.00	17,655.60
5/30/2003	1581	Direct TV	41.32			17,614.28
5/30/2003	1584	Philadelphia Private Bank cat: Misc memo: Sansom Street	3,500.00			14,114.28
5/30/2003	1586	Harish Peri cat: Rent memo: Chetan	750.00			13,364.28
5/30/2003	1587	Chetan Bagga cat: .Cash	1,000.00			12,364.28

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8/6/2003	Nium	Transaction	Payment	С	Deposit	Balance
Date	Num					11,867.16
5/30/2003	1588	Contemporary Aquatics cat: Household memo: Inv # 1079,1045	497.12			
5/30/2003	1589	MBNA	900.00			10,967.16
5/30/2003	1590	Quality Pool Care cat: Household memo: # 6697	274.88			10,692.28
5/30/2003	1591	Terminix cat: Household	90.10			10,602.18
5/30/2003	1592	PECO	849.58			9,752.60
5/30/2003	1593	V 3 Global	74.35			9,678.25
5/30/2003	1594	Verizon	103.45			9,574.80
5/30/2003	1595	A T & T Wireless memo: Chetan	149.50			9,425.30
5/30/2003	1596	American Express	761.43			8,663.87
5/30/2003	1597	Comcast	88.48			8,575.39
6/1/2003	1001	Sovereign Bank	3,259.04			5,316.35
		cat: Misc memo: Loan Payment				3,295.85
6/10/2003		Sovereign Bank cat: Misc memo: Office	2,020.50	l		3,293.03

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Date	Num		Transaction	Payment	С	Deposit	Balance
3/31/2003	DEP	Khushi memo:	Trf from Commerece		R	362,000.00	362,000.00
4/4/2003	DEP	MBNA memo:	0% financing till jul		R	23,000.00	385,000.00
4/8/2003	DEP				R	9,458.42	394,458.42
4/14/2003		Interest E cat:	Earned Interest Inc		R	202.22	394,660.64
5/12/2003	DEP	cat: memo:	Misc 3000 Pradeep Tchk, 1500 Superfare			4,500.00	399,160.64
5/12/2003	DEP	Harish cat: memo:	Misc bHANGRA oUTFITS			1,000.00	400,160.64
5/12/2003		Sovereigr memo:	n Bank American/United L/c	100,000.00	)		300,160.64

AO 38 (Rev. 1/94) Subpoena in a Civil Case

# Issued by the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

FL RECEIVABLE TRUST 2002-A

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SUBPOENA IN A CIVIL CASE

Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION NO: 02-CV-2710;

02-CV-2711;

BAGGA ENTERPRISES, INC.; JAMUNA REAL ESTATE, LLC; UNITED MANAGEMENT SERVICES,

02-CV-2080; 02-CV-2086

INC. and WELCOME GROUP, INC.

Defendants

TO: Kushvindar K. Bagga a/k/a Kushi Bagga

611 Creek Lane

Flowertown, PA 19031

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in the United States District Court at the place	, date, and time specified
below to testify in the above case.	
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	DATE AND TIME
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YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the place, date, and time specified below to	testify at the taking of a
YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the place, date, and this specimes see	
deposition in the above case.	DATE AND TIME
PLACE OF DEPOSITION	
in the second of the	following documents or
YOU ARE COMMANDED to produce and permit inspection and copying of the	tached Exhibit "A"
objects at the place, date, and time specified below (list documents or objects): See the at	ractied Exhibit A.
	DATE AND TIME
PLACE	On or before
OBERMAYER REBMANN MAXWELL & HIPPEL LLP	1 -
One Penn Center, 19th Floor, 1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd.	August 18, 2003
Philadelphia, PA 19103	
YOU ARE COMMANDED to permit inspection of the following premises at the	date and time specified
below. PREMISES	DATE AND TIME
Any organization not a party to this suit that is subpoensed for the taking of a deposit	ion shall designate one or
more officers, directors, or managing agents, or other persons who consent to testify c	m its behalf, and may set
more officers, directors, or managing agents, or other persons who constitute the first federal	Rules of Civil Procedure.
forth, for each person designated, the matters on which the person will testify. Federal	resids of other states and y
30(b)(6).	DATE
ISSUING OFFICER SIGNATURE AND TITLE (INDICATE IF ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF OR DEFENDANT)	August 11, 2003
Attorney for Plaintiff	August 11, 2005
ISSUING OFFICER'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER	
Dorothy M. Claeys, Esquire	
OBERMAYER REBMANN MAXWELL & HIPPEL LLP	
One Penn Center, 19th Floor, 1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd.	
Philadelphia, PA 19103	
<u> </u>	
(215) 665-3000	

#### EXHIBIT "A"

Any and all records relating to and including the tax returns for the business of K & P and your personal tax returns from January 1, 2000 to the present; any and all hard drives or disks for your home and/or personal computer from January 1, 2002 to the present; and any and all correspondence written, prepared and/or sent by you from January 1, 2000 to the present.

Rule 45, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Parts C & D

PROTECTION OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO SUBPOENAS.

(1) A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoons shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and reasonable attorney's foc.

(2) (A) A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents or tangible things, or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing or trial.

(B) Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this rule, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within 14 days after service of subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoema written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpocna was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.

(3) (A) On timely motion, the court by which a subporna was issued shall quash or modify the subpoena if it

(i) fails to allow reasonable time for compliance;

(ii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to travel to a place more than 100 miles from the place where that person resides, is employed or regularly transacts business in person,

except that, subject to the provisions of clause (c)(3)(B)(iii) of this rule, such a person may in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place within the state in which the trial is held, or

(iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exception or waiver applies, or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

if a subpoena

(i) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or

(ii) requires disclosure of an unretained expen's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any purly, or

(iii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to incur substantial expense to travel more than 100 miles to attend trial, the court may, to protect a person subject to or affected by the subpoenn, quash or modify the subpoena, or, if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the court may order appearance or production only upon specified canditions.

DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA.

(1) A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.

(2) When information subject to a subpoens is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Robert H. Hermann, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Robert Hermann with annexed exhibits was served September 4, 2003 by overnight delivery service through United Parcel Service, with which we have an account, by depositing a true and correct copy of the aforesaid in an overnight wrapper and placed in the designated area before the scheduled pick-up and properly addressed to the last known addresses of the addressees as follows:

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